

Instructions for Children:
OR, THE
Child's and Youth's Delight.

Teaching an Easie Way to
Spell and Read True English.

CONTAINING
The Father's Godly Advice,
Directing
Parents in a Right and Spiritual
manner to Educate their Children.

WITH
A SCRIPTURE CATECHISM,
Wherein all the Chief
Principles of True Christianity
Are clearly Opened.

Together with many other Things,
both Pleasant and Useful, for the
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R E A D E R,

THis little Book (cal-
led Instructions for
Children) I have read (who
have taught Scholars above
Forty Years in London) and
as I well know and esheem the
Author, so I do commend it
to all Religious Parents, who
are willing to Catechise their
Children, and teach them to
know the H. Scripture: And
I could wish that all the En-
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To the Reader.

glish School-Master in and about this City (nay, throughout the Nation) would make use of it for the Instruction of their Scholars, finding it so well agreeing with the Mind of God contained in the Scripture ; which is able to make them Wise unto Salvation, through Faith in Jesus Christ. And that a Divine Blessing may attain it, to the comfort of Parents in the profitable Instruction of their Children, is the Desire of thy Servant in the Gospel,

H. Knowls.



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An Alphabet of several Sorts
of LETTERS.

The English Capitals.

A B C D E F G H I K L M N
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

The English Small Letters.

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r s t u v w x y z.

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The Capital Roman Letters.

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Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

The Small Roman Letters.

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p q r s t u v w x y z.

The Capital Italick Letters.

A B C D E F G H I K L M N O
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

The Small Italick Letters.

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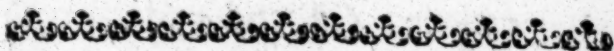
The Vowels.

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The Consonants.

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t v w x y z.

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Double Letters.

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an	en	in	on	un	na	ne	ni	no	nu	ny
ap	ep	ip	op	up	pa	pe	pi	po	pu	py
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A Vowel hath a perfect sound by it self, without any other Letter. Consonants without Vowels will make no sound; nor can they be pronounced.

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bat bet bit bot but
 cad ced cid cod cud
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 lap lep lip lop lup
 bra bre bri bro bru
 cha che chi cho chu
 dra dre dri dro dru
 fla fle fli flo' flu

*Words of One Syllable:***A**

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Words of two, three, four, five, and six syllables.

a-base

a-bide

a-broad

a-bode

a-ba-fed

a-ba-ted

a-bi-ding

a-ca-de-my

a-bo-mi-na-ble

a-po-the-ca-ry

de-no-mi-na-ti-on

ex-a-mi-na-ti-on

fa-mi-li-a-ri-ty

pro-pi-ti-a-ti-on

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PRECEPTS FOR CHILDREN.

To learn to Read, good Child, give heed,
For 'tis a precious Thing :
What may compare with Learning rare !
From hence doth Virtue spring.

2.

In time of Grief it yields Relief ;
Yea, in Adversity
'Twill cheerful make, when Friends forsake
And when dear Parents die.

3.

When Foes annoy, 'twill yield thee Joy,
With much Delight and Pleasure :
If poor thou be, this will to thee
Exceed all earthly Treasure.

4.

Tho' others have, and Riches crave,
Unto their Hearts desire,

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It may decay, and fly away,
Or be consum'd by Fire.

5.
Thy Portion's sure, and will endure,
Nought can undo that Youth
Whom GOD doth learn for to discern
The worth of sacred Truth.

6.
Take therefore Care, Learning is rare,
Like Chains of purest Gold ;
Look, look about, and find it out,
Its Worth cannot be told.

7.
Consonants know, and Vowels too,
Nay, learn rightly to spell ;
Be not a Fool, but go to School,
Till thou read English well.

8.
Yet rest not here, but learn to fear
The blessed GOD of Truth ;
O ! understand, 'tis GOD's Command
Thou serve Him in thy Truth.

9.
Learn to deny the Company
Of Children who are vile,
That Lye and Swear, so wicked are
As good Men to revile.

10.
O learn to know what Filth doth flow
From every poisonous Evil,

And

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*And look within to find out Sin,
'Tis worser than the Devil.*

11.

*What Adam's Fall hath brought on all
His whole Posterity,
Strive to find out, then without doubt
To Jesus thou wilt flye.*

12.

*For fit Relief, under thy Grief,
On him do thou depend;
And he will hear and will appear,
To save thee in the end.*



LESSONS for Children.

I. Lesson.

*Father. Come ye Chil-dren, and
hear-ken un-to me, and
I will teach you the Fear of the
Lord.*

II. Lesson.

*Chil-dren o-bey your Pa-rents in
the Lord, for this is right.*

III. Lesson.

*Ho-nour thy Fa-ther and thy Mo-
ther,*

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ther, which is the first Com-mand-ment, with Pro-mise.

IV. Lesson.

A wise Son mak-eth a glad Fa-ther; but a foo-lish Son is the Hea-vi-ness of his Mo-ther.

V. Lesson.

A wise Son hear-eth his Fa-ther's In-stru-cti-on; but a scor-ner hear-eth not re-buke.

VI. Lesson.

A Fool de-spi-seth his Fa-ther's In-stru-cti-on; but he that re-gard-eth Re-proof is pru-dent.

VII. Lesson.

A foo-lish Son is a Grief of his Fa-ther, and Bit-ter-ness to her that bare him.

VIII. Lesson.

E-ven a Child is known by his do-ing, whe-ther his Work be pure, and whe-ther it be right.

IX. Lesson.

Who-so curseth his Fa-ther or Mo-ther his Lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

X. Lesson.

Heark-en un-to thy Fa-ther that be-gat thee, and de-spise not thy Mo-ther when she is old.

XI. Lesson.

The Eye that mock-eth at his Fa-ther, and de-spis-eth to o-bey his Mo-ther, the Ra-vens of the Val-leys shall pick it out, and the young Ea-gles shall eat it.

XII. Lesson.

Bet-ter is a poor and wise Child, than an old foo-lish King.

XIII. Lesson.

And that from a Child thou hast known the Ho-ly Scrip-tures, which are a-ble to make thee wise un-to Sal-va-ti-on, through Faith, which is in Je-sus Christ.

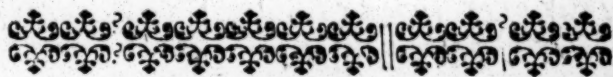
XIV. Lesson.

All Scrip-ture is gi-ven by In-spi-ra-ti-on of God, and is pro-fi-ta-ble for Do-ctrine, for Re-proof, for Cor-re-cti-on, for In-stru-cti-on in Righ-te-ous-ness.

XV.

XV. Lesson.

That the Man of God may be perfect, through-ly furnish-ed un-to all good Works.



The Little CHILD'S
CATECHISM.

Father. **C**HILD, how old art thou ?

Child. I am told, Father, that I am between three and four Years old.

Fa. Canst thou tell who was the first Man that God made ?

Ch. Yes. Adam was the first Man.

Fa. Who was it that kill'd his Brother ?

Ch. Cain,

Fa. Why did he kill him ?

Ch. Because his Works were Evil, and his Brother's Good.

Fa. Who did walk with G O D,

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three hundred years, and was translated, that he should not see Death?

Ch. Enoch.

Fa. Who was the oldest Man that ever lived?

Ch. Methuselah.

Fa. Who built the Ark, and was only Righteous in his days?

Ch. Noah.

Fa. Who was the most Faithful Man?

Ch. Abraham.

Fa. Who wrestled with the Angel of God and prevailed?

Ch. Jacob.

Fa. Who was hated of his Brethren?

Ch. Joseph.

Fa. Who was the meekest Man?

Ch. Moses.

Fa. Who did the Ground open and swallow up alive?

Ch. Corah, Dathan, and Abiram.

Fa. Who was the strongest Man?

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Ch. Sampson.

Fa. Who was a Man after God's own heart ?

Ch. David.

Fa. Who was the patientest Man ?

Ch. Job.

Fa. Who was the wisest Man ?

Ch. Solomon.

Fa. Who prayed that it might not rain, and it rained not for three Years upon the Earth ?

Ch. Elijah.

Fa. Who did the Ravens feed with bread and meat ?

Ch. Elijah, 1 Kings 17. 6.

Fa. Who were cast into the hot fiery Furnace ?

Ch. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Fa. Why were they cast into the Furnace ?

Ch. Because they would not worship a Golden Image the King of Babilon made.

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Fa. *Who was cast into the Lyon's Den?*

Ch. Daniel.

Fa. *Who did Jesus Christ raise from the Dead?*

Ch. Lazarus.

Fa. *Who denied Jesus Christ?*

Ch. St. Peter.

Fa. *Who betray'd his Blessed Master with a Kiss?*

Ch. Judas.

Fa. *Who were struck with Death for telling of a Lye?*

Ch. Ananias and his Wife Saphirah.

Fa. *Who was converted as he was going to Damascus?*

Ch. Saul, who was called Paul.

Fa. *How did Sin enter into the World?*

Ch. By Adam's eating of the Forbidden Fruit.

Fa. *What is Sin?*

Ch. The breaking of GOD's Commandment.

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Fa. *Who made you?*

Ch. GOD made me and all Mankind.

Fa. *What is GOD?*

Ch. GOD is a Spirit.

Fa. *Why did GOD make you?*

Ch. That I should serve, worship, and honour Him.

Fa. *How ought you to serve and worship GOD?*

Ch. GOD must be worshipped in Spirit and in Truth.

Fa. *What is meant by worshipping GOD in Truth?*

Ch. To worship GOD in Truth, is to worship Him according to His own Appointments, or Institutions, recorded in the New Testament.

Fa. *What is it to worship GOD in Spirit?*

Ch. To worship GOD in Spirit, is to worship Him in Sincerity, or in the Uprightness of my Heart, and by the Influence of the Holy Ghost.

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Fa. *Who is the Saviour of Mankind?*

Ch. *Jesus Christ.*

Fa. *What did Jesus Christ do to save you?*

Ch. *He died and shed his precious Blood to save me.*

Fa. *What must you do if you would be saved by him?*

Ch. *I must believe in him and be converted.*

Fa. *Can you believe in him?*

Ch. *Not without God gives me his special Grace.*

Fa. *What must you do to obtain Gods special Grace?*

Ch. *I must pray to him for Christ's sake to give me his Grace that I may believe.*

Fa. *Beloved Child, the Lord help you so to do; and be sure you avoid the Company (my Child) of wicked Children, and take heed of Lying, Stubbornness, Disobedience, and all manner of evil Words*

Words and Deeds, and God will love you, and your Father and Mother will love you ; nay, and you will be beloved of all that fear and love God.

1.

*O Child most dear, incline thine Ear,
And hearken unto God's Voice :
His Counsel take, and that will make
God's Angels to rejoice.*

2.

*Be not like those, who Grace oppose,
And give their minds to play ;
But let thy Mind be well inclin'd,
In seeking Wisdom's way.*

3.

*Learn in thy Youth, God's holy Truth,
Christ's blessed Cross to bear ;
And so shalt thou, though hated now,
In Heaven have a share.*

4.

*Don't Lye nor Swear, to Steal don't dare,
Take heed of such great Evils ;
For such must die, and in Hell lie,
With damned Souls and Devils.*

5.

*In a right way thou must obey
Thy Father and thy Mother ;*

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'Tis also right in GOD's dear sight
To love Sister and Brother.

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Let not vain Pleasures, nor earthly Treasures
Thy Soul seek and desire ;
For these things, know, God will o'ertrow
With his consuming Fire.

7

Spend then thy Days in righteous ways,
GOD's Holy Name to hallow,
That so at last, thy Days being past,
A happy End may follow.

8

And tho' thou die, and i'th' Grave do lie,
Yet Christ will thee awake,
And Angels send thee to attend
And into Glory take.

9

Where thou shalt rest among the Blest
Unto Eternity,
And have the Crown of great Renown,
GOD's Name to magnifie.

10

That thus with Christ in Paradise
For ever thou maist reign :
See that thou pray both Night and Day
Such Glory to obtain.

Now,

Now, my little Child, stand aside,
and let me ask your Elder Brother
some Questions.



The Y O U T H ' S
C A T E C H I S M .

Father. **C**H I L D, how Old art
thou ?

Child. I am, most honour'd Fa-
ther, about Ten Years old.

Fa. What hast thou learned, or
dost thou know of God ?

Ch. I am a Child, and know but
a little ; I understand as a Child,
and think as a Child.

Fa. Dost thou not understand my
Question ?

Ch. I fear I do not.

Fa. Dost thou believe there is a
G O D ?

Ch. Yes, Sir, I do believe
there

there is a God; for I have often read of him in my Bible.

Fa. *Who is God?*

Ch. I do not know very well; Is he not an old Man?

Fa. *Thy little Brother answered better: But why dost thou think God is a Man?*

Ch. Because I read God made Man in his own Image.

Fa. *That doth not mean form or shape.*

Ch. Pray, Father, tell me who God is, and what the meaning is of that place of Scripture I mentioned.

Fa. God is (as thy little Brother hath said) a Spirit; and a Spirit hath not Flesh and Bones as we have: Also, the likeness to an Image of God, is Righteousness and true Holiness, together with a Sovereign Power and Authority over all Creatures and Things. And 'tis in this sense God made Man in his own Image,

Image, and after his own Likeness Man was created holy and upright and made chief Ruler and Governour of all Creatures and Things on Earth.

Ch. Do all Men retain this Image of God still?

Fa. No, Child; Mankind is degenerated, and hath lost the Image of God.

Ch. Pray Father tell me how Man came at first to lose the Image of God.

Fa. Man lost God's Image by his sin: Adam, who was the first Man God created, brake God's Commandment, in eating of the forbidden Fruit, and thereby defiled and polluted himself and all his Posterity: And so long as Men continue in an unconverted state, being under the power of Sin and natural Depravity, they more resemble the Devil, or have more of his likeness, than of the Image and likeness of God in them.

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Ch. Father, pray tell me what my State and Condition is.

Fa. What dost thou mean by State and Condition?

Ch. I do not mean my outward State in this World; for I thank G O D, through His Blessing, and your Care of me, dear Father, I want neither Food nor Raiment.

Fa. My good Child, I am glad to hear thee enquire after thy Spiritual Condition; thou wouldst, I perceive, not only know G O D, but also know thy self; that is to say, the State of thy Immortal Soul.

Ch. Have I, Father, then an Immortal Soul?

Fa. An Immortal Soul, Child? Yes; more worth than all the World.

Ch. Pray, Sir, what is my Soul?

Fa. 'Tis a Spirit, an Immortal Spirit, created by the Lord, and infused

fused into thee : The Lord formed the Spirit of Man, which is within him ; and the Spirit will live when the Body dies : The Body of Man was made of the Dust of the Ground, but his Soul was formed by G O D's Breathing into him, as it is written, The Lord formed Man of the Dust of the Ground, and breathed into his Nostrils the Breath of Life, and Man became a living Soul, Gen. 2. 7.

Ch. Pray, Father, do not be angry with me : You told me, G O D was a Spirit, and now you tell me the Soul of Man is a Spirit : Pray explain this Mystery to me ?

Fa. G O D is an uncreated Spirit, Infinite and Inconceivable in his Being, and is of and from himself, being from Everlasting : But Angels and the Souls of Men are Created finite Spirits : He that formed the Bodies of Men and Beasts, formed those Spirits also.

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Ch. But, pray Sir, what is the State and Condition my Soul is in by Nature, as I proceed from the Loyns of our first Parents?

Fa. Thou and all Mankind are born in Iniquity, having a grievous corrupt and depraved Nature, prone to commit all manner of Sin: Thy Understanding darkned; thy Will naturally rebellious to God and all Goodness, thy Affections carnal, thy Memory traiterous, forgetting what God and your Parents commanded you. I have observed how you and your Brothers and Sisters too, are inclined to Pride, Lying, Stubbornness, and to a peevish and disobedient Spirit: Your Nature prompts you to evil and vain Delights and Sports, so that Childhood and Youth are Vanity, Eccles. 11. 10. And this is the effects of Original Sin, or the Fruits of Adam's Transgression.

Ch. Dear Father, I perceive what you tell me is too true;
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What shall I do if I am by Nature a Child of Wrath, and thus prone to sin against God.

Fa. God has, Child, provided a Remedy; he hath sent his Son Jesus Christ, to save thee from thy Sins; and deliver thee from this thy woful Condition.

Ch. But, Sir, what would you have me do? For I heard our Minister say, that such who die Unconverted shall be damned.

Fa. You must believe in Christ, and strive against the Evils of your Heart: I do forewarn you of the danger of Sin, and charge you before the Great God, not to keep Company with wicked Children; for some do not only now-a-days go astray from the womb, telling Lyes; but also learn to swear and blaspheme the Holy Name of God as soon, nay, before they can speak plain, and their cursed and wretched Parents do not reprove them. Secondly, I exhort you to pray to God to give you Grace,

and change your Evil Nature ; for, Except a Man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God, John 3. 3.

Ch. Father, what is it to be born again ?

Fa. *It is not to enter the second time into your Mother's Womb, and be born ; but 'tis to have a Spiritual Birth ; 'tis to have a new Heart, and a new Spirit, and a new Life, to have the Evil Qualities and Habits of your Heart changed, and Holy and Heavenly Qualities and Habits infused in the room of them.*

Ch. Would to God I did rightly understand what you say, and could but experience this new Birth wrought in me.

Fa. *If you follow on to know the Lord, He will give you Understanding, and work this Work in you.*

Ch. But, Father, I am very young ; may I not do as other Children do, and defer the mind-
ing

ing of these Things until I am older?

Fa. No, Child, you must not defer those Things to another time; 'tis the Devil that darts such vile Thoughts into thy Mind. I do therefore command you, and all your Brothers and Sisters, as you expect to abide in my Love and Favour, or do hope to enjoy the Love and Favour of God, to resist such insnaring and Soul-undoing Thoughts.

1. Because God requires you to remember him now in your Youth, before the Evil Days come, *Eccles. 22. 1.* First, saith Christ, seek the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these Things shall be added unto you, *Matth. 6. 33.*

2. I charge you to set your Heart Heavenward, and to labour to know God, and to love and serve him now, because you were made and sent into this World to this very Purpose.

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3. Consider, my good Child, God does graciously preserve, feed, and cloath you likewise, to the end you might live to him: Would you have God be at the charge of your Maintenance, and refuse to do his Service, and rather chuse to serve the Devil, as all wicked Children do?

Ch. No, dear Father, God forbid.

Fa. Why then did you ask me whether you might not defer the great things that concern your Soul, and the knowledge of God and Christ, and his Service, until you are Old? For such who resolve to defer seeking after God, Grace and Holiness, till they are old, secretly purpose to be wicked and ungodly whilst they are young.

Ch. But, Father, I cannot see that many Children do regard or mind these things; besides, they laugh at me, and mock me when I speak to them of God, and of Praying to him, and of getting an Interest in Jesus Christ.

Fa.

Fa. My Child, I know there are great Multitudes of wicked and ungodly Children ; and wouldst thou be wicked as well as they ? And because they serve the Devil, would you serve him ? If you do so, you may lie in Hell with them at last ; Therefore matter it not Child, though they laugh at you, and reproach you ; *For blessed are they that are reviled, and reproached for Christ's sake.*

Ch. But Father, do not some People find Mercy with God when they are old, who never minded to seek after God whilst they were young ?

Fa. God hath not promised that they who seek him late, shall find him ; but his Promise runs to them that seek him early, *Prov. 8. 17.* But Child, God doth not, it may be, afford some the Means of Grace whilst they are young ; they may live in some dark Corner : Nor does he call all at the
third

third Hour. But, Child, you do not know whether you shall live till you are Old ; and if Death comes and cuts you off in your Sins, What will become of you then ? Many go down to Hell with their Bones full of the Sins of their Youth : Do you not see many little Graves as well as great ones ?

Ch. But, pray Father, what other Reasons is there, why I should seek after God, and strive to lead an holy Life in my Youth ?

Fa. 4. Because GOD accepteth of such, and their Service exceedingly, who yield the first and best of their Days to him : GOD ought not to be put off with Old-Age, which are the dregs of our Days. Besides, thy Dear Saviour spent all his Days on Earth, that so he might glorify thee in Heaven ; therefore shouldst thou spend all thy Days in his Service, and to honour

nour him. He lived for thee, that thou shouldst live to him; and died for thee in the prime of his Days, that thou shouldst not spend the primest of thy Days in Sin. Moreover, most of those Renowned and Eminent Saints we read of in Holy Scripture (who were greatly beloved and honoured by the Almighty) were early Seekers, or such that gave up themselves to God in their Youth; as namely, young *Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Solomon, Josiah*, the Apostle *John, Timothy*, and divers others. Furthermore, What ground is there for any to think, that after they have spent all their youthful and primest Days in the *Devil's* Service, in doing his Will, and pleasing him, by living in wicked and ungodly ways, that when they are old, and their Nature almost spent, that God will accept them? Nay, and it is hard to know then whe-

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whether they forsake their Sin, or
Sin forsakes them, But yet,

*'Tis better late than not at all,
If they in truth for Mercy call ;
But in God's fear, I say, again
Let all endeavour to obtain
Grace to repent whilst they are young ;
Temptations in old Age are strong.
And 'twill be hard for such, I fear,
To know whether they be sincere ;
If Converts they should seem to be,
Who can't much longer all men see,
Live in those ways of Sin which they
Imbrac'd and lov'd till near the day
They must by Death be fetch'd away.*

5. Further, to perswade thee in
thy youth to cleave to God, and
to be holy betimes, consider, that
hereby thou wilt prevent and e-
scape many grievous Sins (which
others run into) to the great dis-
honour of God, and grief of their
Parents ; which will also more
and more pollute and defile thy
Soul, and cause the Lord to loath
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and abhor thee ; and by this means also will Satan get the greater power over thee ; and the more difficult will it be for thee to love the ways of Sin, and the Vanities of this World ; for evil habits and customs in Sin, are not easily broken ; which made the Prophet say, *Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the Leopard his spots ? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil,* Jer. 13. 23.

6. God calls thee now in thy youth, and this may be the only time of thy Visitation ; and if thou should'st slight and neglect this season, probably God may call thee no more, *Prov. 1. 24.* Many who refuse God's Call in their youth, and cleave to the Lusts and Vanities of the World, when they come to be old, are wholly rejected of the Almighty, and given to unbelief and hardness of Heart, so that they sin without
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any remorse of Conscience, and perish eternally.

*For this most plain I do espy,
GOD doth His Grace oft-times deny
To such who do reject His Voice,
Whilst they are Young, and do make choice
Of all such Ways as Evil are ;
O then at Death no Hopes is there :
For if GOD then gives them no Call,
With Vengeance into Hell they fall.*

7. and lastly, That I may prevail with thee to be Holy betimes, and to fear the LORD now in thy Youth, consider, Child, that GOD will bring thee, for all thy Youthful Lusts and Vanities, into Judgment: Rejoyce, O young Man, in thy Youth; and let thy Heart chear thee in the Days of thy Youth, and walk in the ways of thine Heart, and in the Sight of thine Eyes: But, know thou, that for all these things GOD will bring thee into Judgment: Therefore remove Sorrow from thy Heart, and

put away Evil from thy Flesh ; for
Childhood and Youth are Vanity.
Eccles. 11. 9, 10.

What thinkest thou now, (my
dear Child) is it not best for
thee to hearken to the Counsel
of thy Father, and mind that one
Thing needful, and with *Mary*,
chuse that good part ? To prefer
Heaven before Earth ; and the
Joys above, before all the vain
Joys here below ? Is not the Love
of G O D better than all the
World ?

Ch. I have cause to bless G O D I
have such a Father, who taketh Care
not only of my outward Mein, but
also of my Soul ; and I thank you,
my dear Father, for all your good
Counsel : But yet I find such Thoughts
arise in my Heart, that tend to keep
me from closing in with your Advice
at present.

Fa. What Thoughts are they
you do meet with ?

Ch. That I am too young, and that I may live many Years in the World, and that hereafter it will be time enough; and 'twill be more proper for me to mind such things when I am older and of riper Age.

Fa. I have told you already these Thoughts the Devil puts into your Heart; and therefore I charge you in the fear and dread of the great and terrible God of Heaven and Earth, not close in with them; for he that tells you now you are too young, and 'tis time enough to mend the good of your Soul, and so seek to destroy you, and split you upon the Rock of Presumption; will tell you, if you should live till you are older, That then it will be too late, and that your day is gone; and thereby endeavour to dash you against the Rock of Despair. Have I not told thee why thou wast made? And, truly Child, I can't give

give better Counsel and Instruction, or Advice, than to do in this case as a good Merchants Factor doth use to do when he arriveth in a Foreign Country, who presently doth weigh and consider deeply for what cause he came thither, why he was sent, to what end, what to attempt, what to prosecute, what to perform; what will be expected at his Return by him that sent him. For such Cogitations (without doubt) tend to stir him up to set upon the Business for which he came, and so not employ his time in Impertinences and trifling Vanities. Will you not lay to Heart why you were created and sent hither untill you are ready to depart from hence? Shall the Business of your great Master and Glorious Sovereign be neglected whilst your Service would be most acceptable to him. Suppose the Mer-

chant's Factor should not have his time prefixt, how long he shall stay in the Country to which he is sent; and therefore knows not but that in a few Months he may be called home: And yet, as soon as he comes thither, should wholly neglect his Business, and spend his time in Hawking, Hunting, and other foolish Vanities, and should be called home before he has done any thing for which he was sent; what an account will he be able to give to his Master? Would he not be laught at, and justly contemned of all? Especially if he should have spent and wasted all his Master's Money upon his Lusts: What shame, confusion and punishment must he then look to meet withal? Even so, what an account wilt thou have to give to God in the last dreadful Day, if thou should'st neglect the rich Merchandise of the Kingdom of Hea-

Heaven to Trade in, and for which thou cam'st into the World, should God call thee away before thou hast done any thing effectually in it? O do not foolishly waste thy time, and lose the Flower of thy Age; which are those choice Talents the Lord calls upon thee to improve: 'Tis, I may say, thy Master's Money, and thou wilt be called to give an account of them.

*Alas, Experience shows thee this,
Man's Life but like a Vapour is,
Thy days on Earth may be but few,
They pass like to the Morning Dew;
Like as the Cloud or Shadow flies,
Or Dew is gone when Sun doth rise,
So fly thy Days, thy Months and Years,
Like the gay Blossom that appears,
Fair this Day, but to Morrow is gone;
This, this, my Child, thinks thou upon:
Thy Age I to the Spring compare,
When Flowers do appear so rare;
But, Child, receive Instruction now:
Doth not Experience teach us how,*

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The Flower now fades and hangs its head,
Which yesterday so Flourished ?
The Meadow's clad in brave array,
And soon cut down, and turn'd to Hay ?
Like Jonah's Gourd, which in one Night
Sprang up and perish'd when 'twas light,
Or like a post which passeth by,
Or Weavers Shuttle which doth fly,
Or as a Ship when under Sail,
Doth run most swift with a strong gale :
Even so thy Days do pass and fly ;
Lo, thousands in their youth do die,
Thy Life's uncertain, 'tis a blast ;
Thy Sand is little, 'twill not last ;
Thy House tho' new, is very old,
'Twill soon fall down and turn to Mould,
Thou wast born to die, and dead you were
Before you liv'd or breath'd i'th' Air ;
And die you must, e'er live you do ;
Except you die to live, 'tis so ;
There's none can live, but such who die
To Sin, and to all Vanity.

Ch. I hope I shall now, dear
Father, more seriously consider and
lay to Heart what you have said, and
receive the Instruction you have given
me ; for I am sensible how short and
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uncertain my days are on Earth : But, pray Sir, have any Children so young as I am, attained to the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ ? Doth God, I mean, call any so young ?

Fa. Yes, Child, and younger too than thou art : Worthy Mr. Janeway tells us of a poor Child not above five years old, who minded the good of his Soul, more than all things in the World ; and was greatly affected, by considering what would become of him when he should die ; and his Discourse made Christians stand astonish'd : He was wonderfully swallowed up with the love of Christ, in dying for Sinners, and with Tears would speak of it ; before he was six years old he made Conscience of secret Duties : And when he Pray'd, it was with such extraordinary Meltings that his Eyes looked red and sore with weeping for Sin.

The same Minister gives us an
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Account of another Child, who, when she was about four Years old, had a great Sence of her Duty to her Parents, because the Commandment saith, *Honour thy Father and thy Mother.* She would weep if she saw her Parents troubled, (tho' her self had been no occasion of it) and would often get into one hole or other to Pray, with Tears in her Eyes: She said she believ'd in Christ, and desir'd and long'd to be with him.

Moreover, He tells us of another Child, about nine Years old, whom GOD graciously wrought upon; her Name was *Sarah Howley*: She was very much in secret Prayer; she could scarce speak of Sin (or be spoken to about it) but her Heart was ready to melt: She spent much time in Reading, and was exceeding dutiful to her Parents: She abhorr'd Lying, and allow'd her self in no known Sin:

Sin : After she had long waited for an Answer of Prayer, she said, *Well, I will venture my Soul upon CHRIST.*

Nay, He speaks of one that **GOD** wrought upon, that was not above three or four Years old : This Child, he saith, would oftentimes complain of the Naughtiness of his Heart, and was troubled for his wandring Thoughts : He was very fearful of wicked Company. When he had committed a Fault, he was easily convinc'd of it, and would get in some corner or secret place, and with Tears beg Pardon of **GOD**. This Child also abhor'd Lying with his Soul : When other Children were at Play, he would many times and oft be Praying.

One *Charles Bridgman*, saith our Author, had no sooner learned to speak, but he betook himself to Prayer, and as he grew up, took
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much delight in reading the Scriptures; he would not stir out of Doors, before he had poured forth his Soul to the Lord; nor lie down in Bed, till he had been upon his Knees. In his Sickness (for he died when he was about 12 Years old) being asked whether he had rather live or die? He answered, *I desire to die, that I may go to my Saviour.* Besides these, he speaks of divers other Children whom God called before they were ten years old?

What do you say now, my Son? were not these sweet Children, who thus early learned to fear God, and fell in love with Jesus Christ?

Come, learn of them, and hate Lying and all Childish Vanity; Would you be saved when you die? (and you know not how soon it may be) O then tremble at the thought of deferring or putting off the serious thoughts of an endless Eternity. Or are you willing to be damned,
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and to go to Hell and be burnt with the Devil and his Angels? Hell, Child, is a terrible place; can you bear the thoughts of that Word, *Go ye Cursed into everlasting Fire &c.* What say you? Are you resolved to get upon your Knees and beg Grace and Knowledg of God thro' Christ, and intreat him for his Son's sake, to open your Eyes, and deliver you from the power of Sin and Satan?

Chil. *I do resolve in God's strength so to do, my dear Father.*

Fa. Will you say and hold? Take heed you do not forget your Promise: Give your self up my Child, to reading God's Word, and other good Books; and labour to be deeply affected with your lost & undone Condition without Christ; and attend upon the Ministry of Christ's painful Labourers; and never be contented nor rest, until you can say, Christ is yours. Ah! See how

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his Arms stand open to embrace you !
 He calls thee, wilt not thou go to
 him : My Child, remember God
 says, *'Tis good to bear the Yoke in your
 Youth,* Lam. 3. 27. 'Tis not only good
 to submit to his Yoke, and his Com-
 mands, but to do it betimes. O shake
 off the Devil's Yoke, Sin's Yoke, and
 the Worlds Yoke, and put on *Christ's*
 Yoke. The longer a Person wears
 the Yoke of Sin, the harder it will
 be to get it off: Christ's Yoke is
 easy, and the more easy it will be
 to put it on now, than it will be here-
 after : A Plant which is newly set,
 is more easily removed, than when
 it has taken Root : If they bear a
 Horse to the Harness, or a Bullock
 to the Yoke, as one observes, 'tis
 while they are young. *'Tis good to
 bear the Yoke in thy Youth,* because
 'tis God's Will, God's Command;
 and also because it will bring so
 much Good, Peace, and Comfort to
 thy own Soul ; and not only Peace,
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but Profit also. *In keeping thy Commandments there is great Reward.* Psal. 19. 11. O there is Pleasure, Child, and Profit too, in GOD's Ways ! No sweetness like Divine sweetness !

Child. *But, Sir, doth not this debar us of Earthly Pleasures, and the Delights of Youth?*

Fa. Godliness deprives us of no lawful Delights and Pleasures that others enjoy ; and I hope thou wilt not say, That *stoln Waters are sweet*, &c. That Pleasure which is had in a sinful way, will have bitter Sauce in the end : And then again, *Religion* has its peculiar Pleasures, which wicked ones never tasted of. What is so sweet as GOD's Love ? *His Favour is better than Life !* There is in this Soul-satisfying Good, Soul-filling, and Soul-delighting Sweetness, and that which will abide Good always ; Good and Sweet, when all the Things and Enjoyments of this World will be bitter : Sinful Pleasures,

asures, are Soul-defiling, Soul-debasing, nay, Soul-damning Pleasures. They bring Shame and Confusion sometimes here, and Eternal Shame and Ruine hereafter.

Never say now any more, *I am too young to seek after God, to learn to be good and virtuous.* Art thou old enough to serve the Devil, and too young to serve and honour God? Nay, old enough to be damned, and too young to be sav'd? O take heed you spend not your time in Idleness, & in playing with wicked Children; I charge you as ever you hope for Mercy, and would have my love, do not dare to take God's Name in vain, nor tell a Lye to escape the Rod, nor break the Lord's Day, nor fall out and quarrel with Brothers and Sisters, and give them the Lye, nor no other evil words. My sweet Child, be dutiful and obedient to your Parents, O learn to pray and pour forth

forth your Heart to the Lord : Will you do it ? I charge you think upon it Now being presently, defer it not one day longer, What do you say ?

Child. My dear Father, I can hold out no longer, my Heart is smitten, and my Soul trembles ; the Lord in Mercy lead me in the Path of Life, to the Springs of living Water, that I may drink thereof and never die : I'm resolved to take your Advice.

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TO School I'll go, and learn to do
Whatever God doth say ;
No God but he that formed me
I'll Worship and Obey.

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Images I hate and do despise,
Formed to represent
The Holy One, for there is none
His Figure can invent.

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I say again, God's Name in vain
I never more will use ;
For guiltless he can never be
That does God's Name abuse.

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5.

*My Parents too, I'll honour do,
And them I will obey.
In all things right, as in God's sight,
And for them I will pray.*

6.

*Murther and kill I never will,
Nor Malice in me bear
To be or she, although I see
My mortal Foes they are.*

7.

*Adultery good Men defie,
O'tis a cursed Evil ;
And such who to Whore-houses go,
Must perish with the Devil.*

8.

*I steal will not, that brings a blot
That will not pass away,
The Theif also, to Hell must go
In the most dismal day.*

9.

*False Witness bear, I will not dare,
But will my Neighbour love,
And harmless be continually,
Like to the pretty Dove.*

10.

*What others have, I will not crave ;
But will in every thing,*

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*Of God's just Law stand still in awe,
And Honour to him bring.*

Fa. The Eternal God grant thee Strength, that thou mayest do as thou hast promised. And now, my Daughters, I have something further to say to you; observe well what Counsel I have given your Brothers; for 'tis to you as well as to them: But since I see those of your Sex are in these evil days so exceedingly addicted to Pride, I do forewarn you of it. For my part, while ye are under my Roof, I will never suffer you to wear foolish and antick Garbs and Fashions: 'Tis a shame that Parents professing Godliness, should be allured by the Devil to please their Childrens natural and pernicious Appetites; by which means they become meer Slaves to *Lucifer*, by sending their little Daughters to School to learn to Dance (as *Herodias* did) where they are taught
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abide in my Love. Come, give yourselves up to Prayer, and strive to be Sober and Virtuous betimes; and take heed you do not learn of the wanton and vain ones of the Times: Don't gad abroad like *Jacob's Daughters*, to behold the Daughters of the Land, lest you are one way or other defil'd; and particularly be content with modest Apparel, and labour after the Ornaments of the inward Man. Let your Souls be adorn'd with Grace, which will make you amiable in the Sight of **G O D**, and all Holy Men: Get your Sins mortify'd, and you will soon see what Habits will best become you. If the Heart be but heal'd of its inward Pride, that will soon put a Curb on the Excess of the outward. Nothing **G O D** hates more than Pride and a haughty Heart.

Daugh.

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Fa. Yea, doubtless, GOD hath allowed of some Ornaments, *Gen. 24. 23. Isa. 61. 10.* But whatever pretends to Ornament, which is inconsistent with Modesty, Gravity, and Sobriety, or is not according to Godliness, is, instead of an Ornament, a Defilement. Modesty will teach you not to expose those Parts to view, which no Necessity, no good End nor Use can justify: Who dares plead for that which exposeth Persons to Snares and Temptations, and Religion to Shame and Reproach? Some now-a-days that attend on Sermons in Christian Assemblies, do more become Play-houses; and yet brazen it out in the Face of the Preacher! O horrid Impudence! Godliness teaches not to lay out so much Money to adorn the Body,
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when so many poor Families want Bread ; and not to expend foolishly on Superfluities on the Carcass, when some poor Children of Christian People want necessary Clothing. Besides, all Children should be contented to go in Apparel according to the Degree, Quality, and Ability of their Parents.

My Daughters, and such of you that fear God, pray consider the Rule laid down by the Apostle, 1 *Pet.* 2. 2, 3, 4. for Regulating Ornaments, is, That they be consistent with a chaste Conversation; nay, visibly consistent: *Whilst they behold your chaste Conversation, &c.*

That pure Vestal Fire (saith one) of Chastity, that burns upon the Altar of a holy Heart, must flame out and shine in *Chastity* of Words, Actions, Cloathings, and Ornaments: For when God commands Chastity, he commands whatever may feed and nourish it, manifest
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or declare it, and forbids whatsoever may endanger it.

Daugh. But, Sir, may such who are rich and wealthy Mens Daughters go in galant Attire ?

Fa. No degree of wealth can justifie those Garbs which speak out Pride and Vain-glory ; yet Richer (if comely) Ornaments may be lawful in some that are not in others : But let the Rich see they are rich in good Works, and that they do not shew their love to their Sons and Daughters more than Christ : Some care not what they bestow on their Children, who can spare but little to Christ's Poor, his Church, and painful Minsters.

But, I hope I need say no more of this, concerning vain Garbs and Fashions to some of you ; for it rejoyces my Heart to see how you labour to adorn your Profession in every respect : But as for you, my little Daughter, I have many
F Thoughts

Thoughts and Fears concerning you, and shall till I see Christ formed in you. I exhort you to remember what I have said to your *Brothers*; and endeavour to learn of one *Mary Warren*, born in *May*, 1651, aged Ten Years, who had a Blessed Work of Grace begun upon her Soul, and gave clear Evidence of a Victory over *Sin* and *Satan*; who, when she was asked, whether she was willing to die, reply'd, *Ay, very willing*; for then I shall sin no more: For (saith she) I know Christ's Blood hath made Satisfaction for my Sins, &c. I am a Brand pluckt out of the Fire, and Christ will put on me his Rokes of Righteousness.

Moreover, there was one *Mary A.* not Five Years old, who was much affected in hearing the Word of GOD, and would weep bitterly to think what would become of her Soul in another World: She was often observ'd to be in secret Duty,
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and many times came off of her Knees with Tears: She was also (saith my Author) greatly afraid of Hypocrisy, and of doing any thing to be seen of Men, to get Commendation or Praise: Her Book was her delight; and, O that this little Book might be so to you! She was greatly concern'd for the Souls of others, to think of their miserable Condition; and wonderfully affected with the Love of G O D to her. Come, my Children, here are Examples for you; one of you is much older than she was; but how little do you mind these Things! What pity is it that such tender Branches as you are, when grown up, should go to Hell! Ah! that you would remember why you are made, and why redeem'd by Christ's most precious Blood! My Prayers are and shall be to G O D for you. Moreover, I would have you get that little Book, call'd, *A Token for Children,*

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dren, and another called, *A Looking-glass for Children*; Next to your Bible, pray read in them pretty Books; in the latter you have these good Verses following.

1.

When by Spectators I am told
What Beauty doth adorn me,
Or in a Glass when I behold
How sweetly God did form me :
How God such comeliness display'd,
And on me made to dwell,
What pity such a pretty Maid
As I should go to Hell,

2.

When all my Members I compare,
Form'd by my Makers Hands ;
In what sweet Order strait and fair,
Each part together stands !
How in the use of these might I
With comfort live and dwell !
What pity is it when I die
My Soul should go to Hell !

3.

Doth God my Ornaments provide
Of plain and good Array ;
The which this Age converts to Pride ;
I am as vain as they : But

*But when the thoughts of Pride entice,
Such Temptings I should quell,
By serious heeding and Advice,
Don't Sin and go to Hell.*

4.

*Doth Beauty sad Corruptions hide ?
Is Comeliness a Bait ?
Do costly Garments nourish Pride ?
Hath Treasure such deceit ?
Do Complements breed Vanity ?
Doth Pleasures Grace expel ?
How little reason then have I
For these to go to Hell !*

5.

*'Tis time I should without delay
My future State bethink,
Though God's forbearance in my days
Of Ignorance did wink :
Repentance he doth now expect,
And learning to do well ;
This way God's Word doth me direct ;
The broad way leads to Hell.*

6.

*To chuse the new and living way,
The Gospel doth beseech me ;
The Heart of Jesus, day by day,
Is open'd to enrich me.*

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*The Tenders of New Cov'nant Grace,
Would Sin and Guilt expel ;
The promis'd Spirit would me place
Safe from the lowest Hell.*

7.

*Would Christ my Spirit lead along,
These Tenders to embrace,
I should have matter for a Song
To praise his glorious Grace :
How first of Goodness I was seiz'd
From what a State I fell,
To what a Glory God had rais'd
A Firebrand pluck'd from Hell.*

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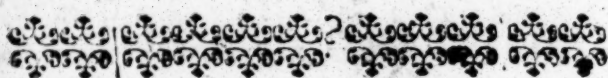
*C*Hildren, Remember God above,
Vain ways do not you take,
But learn betimes the Lord to love,
Who did you form and make :
For Sin the Lord doth greatly hate,
His Nature is so pure,
That those he doth abominate,
Who can their Sins endure.
Learn, learn to Worship him in Truth,
His Word must be your Guide ;
And if sincere you are in Youth,
Your Feet shall never slide :

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*If you do make God's Word your Ground,
His Glory great your End,
Then upright will your Souls be found,
And God will be your Friend;
Yea, and the blessed Spirit will
Support and strengthen you;
And with sweet Joy your Soul he'll fill,
And make you happy too,
Whil'st you do live, and also when
You come at last to die,
You shall with Spirits of just Men,
Rest to Eternity.*

I shall now, in the last place, hear
what your eldest Brother hath
learned, and doth understand con-
cerning G O D, and the glorious
Mysteries of Jesus Christ and the
Gospel.





The YOUTH'S CATECHISM.

Father. **C**ome, Son, thou art grown up to a mature Age; how knowest thou that there is a God?

Son. I know there is a God by his works of Creation; *The Heavens declare the Glory of God, and the Firmament sheweth his handy Works, Psal. 19. 1. Rom. 1.*

Fa. What other Means hast thou to teach thee there is a God?

Son. The Holy Scriptures.

Fa. What Grounds or Argument hast thou to believe the Scriptures are the Word of God?

Son. By the Contents or Matters therein discoursed and treat-
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ed of ; which are so transcendently sublime and mysterious, that they could never be the product of Humane Invention.

Fa. *How else ?*

Son. By its Antiquity ; The Books of *Moses* being, as *Tertulline* well observes in the 19th Chap. of his *Apology*, the first Writings in the World.

Fa. *Thou say'st well ; What other Arguments hast thou ?*

Son. The Majesty and Authoritativeness of the Spirit of God speaking in them, and the inimitable Style wherein they are written, shews doubtless they are of God.

Fa. *How else ?*

Son. By the excellent Spirit of Holiness which everywhere breaths in them, this is another fair Lineament of the Hand of God in the framing of them.

Fa. *'Tis a good Argument ; What other hast thou ?*

Son.

Son. The sweet and admirable Agreement, Consent, Dependance and Harmony that is found in every part of Holy Scripture, though there are so many Books thereof, written by so many different Persons, of various Conditions, of many Ages, remov'd in several Places, and different Languages; yet all agreeing with each other, and every part with the whole, is a great Argument, doubtless, of its Divine Authority.

Fa. *What other Arguments hast thou besides these?*

Son. The approv'd Credit and Sincerity of the Pen-man, whom none could ever prove guilty of the least Imposture.

Fa. *I like these two: Hast got any more?*

Son. Another Proof that the Holy Scriptures are from God, is the exact and punctual fulfilling of the Prophecies therein contain'd:
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To foretel Events, is the Prerogative of GOD only, *Isa.* 41. 22. This Sir, I could make very clear.

Fa. *I don't doubt it, my Son, proceed to another.*

Sen. Those Writings, and that Doctrine that was confirm'd by so many real Miracles, must needs be of GOD; but the Books and Doctrine of Canonical Scripture, were so confirm'd; nay, by such Wonders, that Satan himself could not imitate, nor malicious Envy deny to be Divine.

Fa. *This is one of the best of all. To the next.*

Sen. To these astonishing Miracles, I may fitly add the wonderful Preservation of these Holy Writings for so many Years: Had not the Bible been of GOD, since it pretends so to be, certainly GOD would have blotted it out long ago; but His special Care to preserve it, shews whose it is, considering

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ing what implacable Enemies it hath met with in every Age. -

Fa. Yea, doubtless, my Son, God wou'd never have suffered such a Book to continue from the beginning of Time falsely pretending his Name and Authority: I am glad to hear thee mention this; proceed.

Son. Sir, the Scripture did not only survive, notwithstanding all the Arts, Contrivance and Malice of men and Devils; but hath triumph'd over all Opposition; I mean the blessed Success the Gospel has had in converting so many thousands, though accounted by the wise Men of the World foolishness, proves its Divine Authority, especially considering the Publishers of it were generally but weak, ignorant, and illiterate Persons, as Fisher-men, Tent-makers, &c.

Fa. And thou may'st add, it had no force of Arms, or Temporal support on its side, but against both
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Wind and Tide, in opposition to the Interest, Will, and Wisdom of carnal Men, it prevail'd. My Son, hast thou any other ?

Son. Yes, Sir, I may add, beside those outward and more visible trophies of its Glory, the marvellous lustre of its Empire, Efficacy and Power within ; I mean upon the Hearts and Consciences of Men ; it enlightens, convinceth, converts ; kills and gives life, it terrifies some, and rejoiceth the Hearts of others ; Certainly it must be God's Word, were this only considered.

Fa. *Thou say'st well, and I hope thou hast found the power and truth of it upon thy own heart ; and this Argument, if so, thou canst never lose ; but I will forbear, and hear what thou hast further to say ?*

Son. To all those Arguments, I must add the Testimony of God's Church, I mean Believers, and holy Martyrs in all Ages, who have sealed

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led the Truth of the Holy Bible with their own Blood.

Fa. *If thou hast any other Argument, I would have thee add it ; not that I dislike this.*

Son. Sir, The Doctrines and Matters of Fact in the Scriptures, are not only avouched by its own Votaries, but many most considerable parts of it have been acknowledged by its Enemies. First the Creation of the World is intimated by *Ovid* in his *Metamor.* Lib. 1. The extraordinary long Lives of the *Patriarchs* in the first Ages of the World, by *Manetho* the *Egyptian*, *Borofus* the *Chaldean*, and others. The Flood is mentioned by the same *Borofus*, *Josephus*, Lib. 1. *Ant.* Cap. 4. The Star that appeared at the Birth of our Saviour, is taken notice of by *Pliny*, Lib. 2. Cap. 5.

Fa. *I know you have many other Instances to give in proof of this ; But proceed to another Argument.*

Son.

Son. If the Scriptures are not the Word of God, then God hath left us no certain Rule of Faith and Practice.

Fa. *What say you to Revelation?*

Son. There may be twenty Persons who may all walk in different ways of Worship, and yet pretend they make Revelation their Rule: How shall I know which of these is the true way?

Fa. *Thou say'st right: He that says Revelation is his Rule, must do more to prove what he professes to be true, than any Impostor can pretend unto; that is to say, raise the Dead, and open the Eyes of the Blind, &c.*

Son. Then Father, if you please to hear me, It is clear and evident, since Miracles are no where to be found, if the Scripture be not our Rule, or of Divine Authority, God has left us no certain Rule at all; and that infinite Wisdom should deal thus with Mankind, is absurd

and unreasonable to conceive. But I have one Argument more ; If the Scriptures be not the Invention of Men, then it must be from God alone ; If of men, they must either be good Men, or bad ; for nothing could be more opposit to Goodness, nay, to common Honesty, than to assume the Name of God, and falsely feign Miracles, and cheat People of their Souls. Again, on the other hand, bad Men could not be the Devisers of so holy a Book ; can any Man think that wicked Deceivers would so highly advance the Glory of God ? Would they so abuse themselves, and brand and stigmatize their own Practices ? Could such an admirable undeniable Spirit of Holiness, Righteousness proceed from the Invention of wicked Men ? Would they have laid such a design against the Flesh and all worldly Happiness ? Now
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if we can't gather Grapes off Thorns
nor Figgs off Thistles, then we may
be sure no ill Men had any hand in
contriving, writing and promoting
this Good and Holy Bible.

Fa. You say well, my son, and be-
sides, if it were devised by evil Men,
let such Atheists shew us who those
wicked Men were, and in what Age
of the World they lived, who did com-
pile it ; But have you any thing more
to say ?

Son. Only this I have in the last
place to say ; Were not the Scrip-
tures of Divine Authority, the Devil
certainly would never have been in
such a rage against it, nor endeavour
as he hath, and continually doth,
to hinder Men from closing in with
the Truth therein contained.

Fa. I see Son, you have a most
sure Word of Prophecy to build your
Faith upon in the Belief of a Deity ;
Are there more Gods than one ?

Son,

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Son. There is but one Eternal Holy and True God, *Deut.* 6. 4. *Eph.* 4. 6. *1 Cor.* 8. 4.

Fa. *How many Persons are there in the Godhead?*

Son. Three; the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, *Mat.* 28. 19. *1 John* 5. 7.

Fa. *What is God?*

Son. God is a Spirit, of and from Himself, without Beginning and without Ending, Wonderful, Immense, and Infinite in His Essence, and Glorious also in His Attributes.

Fa. *What are the Attributes of God?*

Son. His Power, Wisdom, Mercy, Justice, Omniscience, Faithfulness, Holiness, &c. *Exod.* 34. 6. *Psal.* 147. 5. *Rom.* 4. 8.

Fa. *What call you the Work of Creation?*

Son. God's forming or making all Things out of nothing in Six Days, *Gen.* 1. *Heb.* 11. 3.

Fa.

Fa. *What are God's Works of Providence?*

Son. His most Holy, Wise, and Powerful Ordering, Preserving, and Governing all Men, and all Things in this World, *Psal.* 145. 17. *Isa.* 28. 29. *Heb.* 1. 3. *Mat.* 10. 29.

Fa. *What are the most glorious Creatures that God hath made?*

Son. Angels and Men.

Fa. *Why did God make this World?*

Son. To manifest his own Glory, Greatness, Power, and Wisdom, *Rev.* 4. 11.

Fa. *Why did God make Man?*

Son. God made all Things for himself, but Mankind more especially, to Serve and Worship his Creator, *17.* 26, 27.

Fa. *Of what Matter did GOD make Man?*

Son. Of the Dust of the Ground, *Deut.* 2. 7.

Fa. *In whose Image did GOD make Man?* *Son.*

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Son. In his own Image, and after his own Likeness, *Gen. 1. 28.*

Fa. In what respect do you believe God made Man in his own Image?

Son. In respect of holiness and Righteousness, together with that Power and Dominion God gave him over all other Creatures on Earth, *Eph. 4. 24.*

Fa. Did Man abide in that State in which he was Created?

Son. No; he sinning against God fell from that Estate.

Fa. What is Sin?

Son. Sin is the Transgression of the Law, *John 3. 4.*

Fa. When did Sin enter into this World?

Son. When Adam broke the Law of his Creator, *Rome. 5. 12.*

Fa. Why did God make man a Law?

Son. To shew that man ought to be in Subjection to his Creator.

Fa. Why did God suffer Man to break his Law?

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Son. That thereby God's Justice, Wisdom, and Mercy might appear.

Fa. *How doth God's Justice appear thereby?*

Son. In punishing him for his Offence, according to his threatening, *Rom. 5. 18.*

Fa. *What Punishment did God bring upon Mankind for that Transgression?*

Son. A twofold Punishment; First, The Loss of Earthly Paradise. Secondly, Death, both Spiritual and Temporal, *Gen. 2. 16. Rom. 5. 12.*

Ea. *Did all mankind sin and fall in Adam?*

Son. Yes; for he being a publick person, the Covenant was not made only for himself, but for all his Posterity; and so we all sinn'd in him, and fell by the same Transgression, *Rom. 5. 15, 16, 17. 18.*

Fa. *What is the State of Mankind through this Original Transgression?*

Son.

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Son. A woful State and Condition, prone to commit Sin, having lost Original Righteousness, are brought under the Power of Corruption, and Pravity of our whole Nature, and liable to the Wrath and Curse of God, *Rom. 5. 19. Gal. 3. 10, 13.*

Fa. *Are all Men in this woful Condition?*

Son. Yea, all Men are by Nature the Children of Wrath, being dead in Sins and Trespasses, *Eph. 2. 1, 2. Rom. 2. 21.*

Fa. *How did God's Mercy appear to Mankind?*

Son. In promising the Seed of the Woman should break the Serpent's Head, *Gen. 3. 15.*

Fa. *Who was meant by the Seed of the Woman?*

Son. Our Blessed Saviour.

Fa. *Why did God add the Law of the Ten Commandments?*

Son. Not only to shew what
Man's

Man's Duty is, but also to make known to him his woful Estate ; and to make Sin appear exceeding sinful, and to discover how unable Man is in his fallen State to fulfil the Righteousness of God, *Gal. 3. 19. Rom. 7. 8, 9.*

Fa. What did the Law require ?

Son. Perfect Righteousness : Do this and thou shalt live, Luk. 10. 21.

Fa. Were any able to keep the Law perfectly, and so be justified thereby in the sight of God ?

Son. No, not one ; for by the Works of the Law, no Flesh can be justified, Gal. 2. 19. & 3. 21. Rom. 3. 10.

Fa. How then must it be justified ?

Son. By the Merits and Righteousness of our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

Fa. Who is our Saviour and Redeemer ?

Son. The Lord Jesus Christ.

Fa.

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Fa. Why was our Redeemer called Jesus?

Son. Because he should save his People from their sins (for the name *Jesus* signifies a Saviour)
Mat. 1. 2.

Fa. What moved God to send the Lord Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer?

Son. Only his tender Love and Mercy to mankind, *Joh. 3. 16.*

Fa. Was there no other Person or means could Redeem us but Jesus Christ?

Son. **N**O verily, neither Men nor Angels ; There is no other Name given under Heaven whereby we must be Saved, *Acts 4. 12. Rev. 5. 4, 5.*

Fa. Why is our Blessed Saviour called Christ?

Son. Because he was Anointed with the holy Ghost, with Oil of Gladness, above his Fellows ; The name *Christ* signifies Anointed, *Heb. 1. 9.*

Fa. Who is Jesus Christ?

Son.

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Son. The Eternal Son of God,
Mat. 16. 16.

Fa. *Is Jesus Christ God or Man?*

Son. Jesus Christ is both God and Man in one Person: God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the World began, and yet truly Man; He took our Nature upon him, and therefore is called the Seed of the Woman, *Mat.* 22. 44. 45. *Phil.* 2. 6, 7. *John* 1. 1, 2. & 2. 14.

Fa. *Why did Jesus Christ take our Nature upon him; and became both God and Man?*

Sen. It behoved him to be both God and man, that so he might become a fit Mediator between God the offended Creator, and Man the offending Creature, *John* 6. 33. 1 *Time.* 2. 5.

Fa. *Wherefore is it necessary that Jesus Christ should be very Man, Holy and Just, and without Sin?*

Son.

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Son. Because God requir'd Man to keep the Law perfectly, if he would be justified in his sight; and the Justice of God could not be satisfied, unless the same Humane Nature which had sinned, do likewise make a Compensation for Sin, *Rom. 5. 12. Pet. 3. 18. Heb. 7. 26.*

Fa. Why must Christ be very God as well as Man?

Son. That he might by the worth and preciousness of his Person and Sacrifice, give a plenary Satisfaction to Divine Justice, and sustain by the Power of his Godhead in his Flesh, the heavy Wrath of God. As he was God he could not suffer; and as he was meer Man, he could not have overcome Death, *Isa. 53. 4. Acts 2. 24. 1 Pet. 3. 18. Joh. 1. 2. & 4, 5.*

Fa. What hath Jesus Christ done for us.

Son. As he was Man, he perfectly kept the whole Law of God
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for us in every Point, and laid down a compleat and perfect Sacrifice for us; and as God, he overcame Death, and him that had the Power of Death, which is the Devil, and so rose again the third Day for our Justification; *Gal. 4. 5. Heb. 2. 14, 15. 2 Cor. 5. 18, 19.*

Fa. Where is Jesus Christ now?

Son. Jesus Christ is in Heaven, he sat down at the right Hand of God, and there appears to make Intercession for us, *Heb. 1. 3. & 8. 3.*

Fa. Do all receive spiritual Benefit by Christ's Undertaking?

Son. No, none but those only who by a true and living Faith, do rely upon him, and are Ingrafted into him, *Mark 16. 16, John 2. 36. Rom. 11. 20.*

The End of the First Part.



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Second P A R T.

Father. **I** *Am glad to find you are so well instructed in the Grounds of the Christian Religion hitherto. What are the Offices of Christ, which he executes as Mediator ?*

Son. The Offices of Christ are many, but more especially Three, viz. His Priestly, Kingly, and Prophetical Offices.

Fa. *How doth Christ execute the Office of a Priest ?*

Son. Christ executeth the Office of a Priest in his once Offering up himself as a Sacrifice for our Sins, to satisfy Divine Justice, *Heb. 7. 28, &c. 2. 17.*

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Fa. How else doth Christ execute his Priestly Office?

Son. In his making continual Intercession for us in Heaven, *Heb. 7. 25.*

Fa. What use were the Priests and legal Sacrifices of, under the Law?

Son. They were Types and Figures of Jesus Christ, by whose Blood or Sacrifice of himself only Attonement is made, *Heb. 16. 1, 2, 3.*

Fa. Are there any who partake of Christ's Priesthood, and minister under him as his Successors or Vicars here on Earth?

Son. No verily, he has no Successor nor Vicar, because he abides himself a Priest for ever, to discharge the whole Work of his Priestly Office; and so did not Aaron nor the Priests of his Order, *Heb. 7. 25.*

Fa. Are there any Sacrifices to be offered up to God under the Gospel,

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spel, besides that one Sacrifice which Christ himself offered.

Son. No, for Christ hath offered a Sacrifice himself once for all: Christ hath once suffered to bear the Sins of many, Heb. 9. 28. Now once at the end of the World, he hath appeared to put away Sin by the Sacrifice of himself, vers. 26. This he did once, Heb. 7. 27. By one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified, Heb. 10. 14.

Fa. Why ought not any other Sacrifices be offered up to God now?

Son. Because this would render the Sacrifice of Christ weak and imperfect; besides, the Apostle saith, Where remission of sin is, there is no more Offering for sin, Heb. 10. 18.

Fa. How doth Christ execute his Kingly Office?

Son. Christ executeth the Office of a King in his making, instituting, and appointing of Laws,
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Ordinances, and Statutes, to shew how God in Gospel-times ought to be Worshipped, *Mat.* 28. 18, 19, 20. *Jam.* 4. 12.

Fa. *How else doth Christ execute his Kingly Office?*

Son. Christ executeth also his Kingly Office in subduing our Sins, and in destroying the Enmity that naturally is in our Hearts against God, and himself, by his Spirit ruling and reigning in us, and also by defending us, restraining and conquering all his and our Enemies, *Mich.* 7. 19. *Rom.* 6. 14.

Fa. *In what Books are the Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances of Jesus Christ, the King of Saints, written?*

Son. The Laws of Jesus Christ are written and contained in the Sacred Scripture, which we commonly call the Holy Bible, *John* 10. 21, 22. 2 *Tim.* 3. 14, 15.

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Fa. *Are all the Laws, Commands, and Ordinances of Jesus Christ contained in the Holy Bible?*

Son. Yea, the whole Counsel of God, or Mind of Christ, is contained therein; the Law of the Lord is perfect.

Fa. *Must nothing be done in the Worship of God but what is written in the Sacred Scripture?*

Son. No, nothing ought to be done in God's Worship by any means, but what is there written; *Add thou not to his Word; if any Man shall add, &c. Rev. 22. 18. 19.*

Fa. *But may not that be done in Christ's Name, or in God's Worship, though it be not commanded, if it be not forbidden?*

Son. No, by no means; for that which we have no Precept nor President for, is consequently forbidden, because all Innovations and Traditions of Men are forbidden, *Levit. 10. 1, 2.*

Ea.

Fa. What a King is the Lord Jesus Christ?

Son. He is King of Heaven and Earth King of Kings and Lord of Lords ; yea, King of Saints and King of Nations ; And though his Kingdom is more spiritual and invisible now, yet he shall have a glorious and more visible Kingdom in the World in the latter days ; which Kingdom he requires us to Pray for, *Mat. 9. 10. Dan. 1. 72. Rev. 11. 15, 16.*

Fa. How doth Jesus Christ execute his Prophetical Office ?

Son. Jesus Christ executeth his Prophetical Office in revealing to us by his Word and Spirit, what he had done for us as a Priest, and what Laws he hath appointed as King, *Acts 3. 32.*

Fa. How else doth he execute his Prophetical Office ?

Son. By his expounding the Law of Moses, shewing what is past and
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fulfilled ; and also by shewing what shall be hereafter, *Mat. 24. Mark 13. Luke 21.*

Fa. How are we made partakers of the Redemption purchased by Jesus Christ ?

Son. By the effectual application of his Blood and Merits to our Souls, by the Holy Spirit, *John 1. 12. Tit. 3. 5.*

Fa. How doth the holy Spirit apply to us the Redemption purchased by Jesus Christ, or the Merits of his Blood and Righteousness ?

Son. The Holy Spirit applies this to us, by working Faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in effectual Calling or Vocation, *Eph. 2. 8, 9. and 3. 17. 1 Cor. 1. 9.*

Fa. What is effectual Calling ?

Son. Effectual Calling is the Work of God's Spirit, whereby he convincing us of Sin, and of our woful Condition by Nature, enlightens

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lightens our Minds in the Knowledge of Christ, & infuses a Principle of Grace and new Habits in our Souls, *2 Tim. 1. 9. Acts 2. 36. 37, 38, 39. Acts 16. 1 Thes. 4. 5.*

Fa. What Blessing and Benefits do they partake of that are effectually Called?

Son They that are Effectually Called, partake of the glorious Blessings of Justification, Sanctification, Adoption, &c. and those bring an Assurance of God's Love, Peace of Conscience, Joy in the Holy Ghost, with an Increase of Grace, and perseverance to the end, *Rom. 8. 30, 31. 1 Cor. 1. 30.*

Fa. What is Justification?

Son. Justification is an Act of God's Rich Grace, through the Redemption that is in Jesus Christ, wherein he freely Pardoneth and Acquitteth us of all our Sins, and accepteth us as Righteous through the Imputation of Christ's perfect Righteousness, *Rom. 3. 23. Rom. 5. 1. Gal. 2. 16.*

Fa. What is Adoption?

Fa. Adoption is also an Act of God's free Grace, whereby we are made the Sons and Daughters of God by his special Love and Favour, who are the Children

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dren of Wrath by Nature, *John* 1. 12.

1 *John* 3. 1. 2 *Cor.* 6. 18.

Fa. What is Sanctification?

Son. Sanctification is likewise of Gods precious Grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole Man after the Image of God, and are thro' the Blood of Sprinkling, washed and made Holy in Heart and Life, 2 *Tit.* 3. 5. 2 *Tim.* 2. 13. *Eph.* 4. 24.

Fa. What is Regeneration?

Son. It is the Work of God's Spirit, called the new Birth, and the new Creature; by the means of which we are Born again, or have a new Heart, a new Spirit, and new Life; the Evil Qualities and Habits of our Hearts being chang'd, holy and heavenly Qualities and Habits are infused in the room of them, *John* 3. 3, 5. 2 *Cor.* 5. 17.

Fa. By what signs may a sincere Christian, that is both Justified, Sanctified, and Regenerated, be known?

Son. First he is a Penitent Person, or one that hath true Repentance wrought in his Soul, *Psal.* 51. 3. *Fer.* 31. 18. *Acts* 11. 81.

Fa. What is True Repentance?

Son. True Repentance is a Grace wrought

wrought in the Soul by the Holy Spirit, whereby, first a Sinner comes to have a true sense of Sin and of his lost Condition by Nature; which also by the Illumination of the Holy Ghost, works in him Godly Sorrow, and Grief for Sin.

Fa. How may a weak Christian know his Repentance is true and of the right kind?

Son. True Repentance causes the Soul to hate and loth Sin, being convinced of the great Evil that is in it, and how contrary and hateful it is to the pure Nature of God.

Fa. What other sign can you give of who hath true Repentance wrought in him?

Son. He that hath True Repentance wrought in him doth not only hate and loth Sin, but also leaves it, and turns from it, yea, from every Sin; yea from his secret Sins, as well as from open and scandalous Sins, *Psal. 19. 12, 13. Prov. 9. 17. Psal. 51. 4. Jer. 44. 4.*

Fa. What other signs do you give of a true Penitent Person?

Son. He desires as much to have his Sins mortified as to have them pardoned; to be freed from the filth of 'em, and made Holy, as well as to be made Happy

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to be sanctified here, as well as to be saved hereafter, *Psal.* 51. 6, 7, 8. *Mat.* 5. 6.

Ea. What sign else can you give of a Person who hath the Grace of true Repentance wrought in him ?

Son. He loves the Law and Word of God because it is pure; he likes the purity of his Precepts, as well as the sweetness of its Promise; and to live to God on Earth, as well as to live with God in Heaven; to glorifie him here, as well as to be glorified by him hereafter, *Psal.* 112. 1, 40, 16, 7. *Psal.* 73. 24. *Heb.* 12. 14. *Phil.* 3. 10.

Fa. Can you give any other sign of a true Penitent Person ?

Son. Yea, he is one that doth truly believe in Christ, or hath obtained the precious Faith of God's Elect, *2 Pet.* 10. 1. *Acts* 13. 39.

Fa. What is true Justifying Faith, or the Faith of God's Elect ?

Son. True justifying Faith is a saving Grace of God's Holy Spirit, whereby we received Jesus Christ in all his Offices, and wholly relie on him and his Merits for Eternal Life, *Phil.* 3. 8, 9, 10.

Fa. Hath every Christian that believes

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a full Assurance that Christ is his, and that he shall be saved?

Son. No verily, Assurance is a great Degree of Faith? yea, such a measure, that but few Believers attain unto, and appertains not to the Being or Essence of Faith; a sincere Christian may have Doubts, yea, walk in Darkness and have no light, *Psal.* 88. 4, 5. *Isa.* 50. 10.

Fa. *What Person may be said to believe and rightly to rely on Jesus Christ?*

Son. He that may be said to Believe and in a true manner to rely on Jesus Christ, who has no dependance for Salvation on any thing that's done by him or in him, but as a poor undone Creature goes to Christ, and relies upon his Merits and Righteousness alone, *Rom.* 3. 23. & 4. 2. *I Cor.* 4. 4.

Fa. *What other sign give you of saving Faith?*

Son. He takes up all Dutys in point of Performance, but lays 'em all down in point of Dependance, *Phil.* 3. 8, 9, 10, 11.

Fa. *What think you of that Faith of an ungodly Person? some Men who are very wicked, say they believe in Christ, and rely on Christ for Salvation?*

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Son. A Wicked and Impenitent Sinner, who loves and lives in Sin, hath not one dram of Faith; though he says he believes in Christ, yet 'tis Presumption in him; or the Nature of true Faith, is to cleanse and purifie the Heart and Life, *Acts 15. 9. 1 John 3. 3.*

Fa. *What is another sign of true faith?*

Son. He that truly believes, has a high esteem of Jesus Christ; To you that believe he is precious, *Pf. 74. 25. 1 Pet. 2. 7.*

Fa. Can no Man be justified but he that in an humble, holy and sincere manner doth believe and relie on Jesus Christ, notwithstanding a righteous and sober Life, or moral Righteousness?

Son. No verily, *Mat. 5. 20.*

Fa. *Why so?*

Son. Because no other Righteousness will nor can be accepted or avail to Salvation, but what is perfect; 'tis such a Righteousness only that God and his holy Law requires in point of Justification. Now our best Works and Righteousness are imperfect & defiled with Sin: *Cursed is every one that continues not in all things that are written in the Law, to do them, Gal. 3. 10.* Hence, He that believes

lieves not in Christ shall be damned, Mark 16. 16. Isa. 6. 4, 6. Phil. 3. 8.

Fa. *What other sign give you of a true Believer ?*

Son. He is Obedient to all the Commands of Christ ; Luke 1. 6.

Fa. *What are the signs of a True Obedience ?*

Son. 1. True Obedience is Evangelical, it is Gospel Obedience, it flows from Love to God. 2. 'Tis a willing Obedience; 'tis from the Heart, Rom. 6. 17. 3. Such obey God in the hardest things, thus did Abraham. 4. 'Tis Universal Obedience; they have a Respect to all God's Commandments, Psal. 119. 6. 5. 'Tis a continual Obedience; they obey God always even to the end, Psal. 119. 112.

Fa. *What means doth God use to bring Men into a state of Grace and Regeneration ?*

Son. The outward and more ordinary means whereby God doth this, is by preaching the Gospel, Rom. 10. 17. & 1. 16. 1 Cor. 1. 21.

Fa. *What is the inward, and more especial means by which God doth this ?*

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Son. The inward and more special means, is by the Powerful Working and Operation of the Holy Ghost, by which the Word Preached becomes effectual ; for without this, the Word doth Profit none to Salvation, *Psal.* 19. 7. *I Theff.* 1. 6. *I Cor.* 3. 7.

Concerning Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Fa. Seeing then, my Son, that Faith alone, by the Operation of the holy Ghost, makes us Partakers of the Benefits and glorious Redemption purchased by Jesus Christ, and so unite us to him ; What are those Gospel Ordinances or Sacraments which tend to confirm us in this Faith ?

Son. They are Two.

Fa. Which are they ?

Son. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Fa. What is Baptism ?

Son. Baptism is an holy Institution of Christ, and the literal and proper Signification of the Word *Baptism*, as most Learned Men (*Leighs Critica sacra*, *Grotius*, *Vossius*, *Selden*, *Paffor*, *Beza*, *Illyricus Erasmus*, &c.) readily grant, who understand the Greek Tongues ; for it is a
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Greek Word, βαπτίζω, Baptizo, is Mergo, Immergo, Submergo, Obruo, Item tingo, quod sis Immergendo; that is to drown, immerge, plunge under, over-whelm, as also to dip, which is done by plunging in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Mat. 98. 19, 20, Acts 2. 40, 41. Rom. 6. 4.

Fa. May it not be done by sprinkling also?

Son. No, by no means, because the Word Baptizo, or Baptism, doth not at all signifie Sprinkling; the Greeks have another peculiar Word to expresse Sprinkling, viz. Παρίζω, Rantizo.

Fa. What other Reasons do you give, to show why it cannot be sprinkled?

Son. Because the Scriptures positively say, That John Baptized in the River Jordan, and after in Enon near Salem, because there was much Water: Now had it been done by Sprinkling a little Water, he need not have went to Rivers, &c. Mat. 3. 6. John 3. 23.

Fa. What other Reason have you to shew, why Baptism is not Sprinkling?

Son. Because it's said, Our Saviour when he was Baptized, and John who Baptized him, went both down into the Water,

Water, and he Baptized or Dipped him which is all one ; the like is said of *Philip* and the Eunuch, *They went down into the Water, and came out of the Water*, Mat. 3. 16. Acts 8. 38, 39.

Fa. What other Reason have you ?

Son. Because Sprinkling doth not, cannot answer the end of Christ, in his Institution and Ordaining of this Ordinance ; neither doth Sprinkling a little Water, represent or answer those things which are signified by Baptism.

Fa. What was the end of Christ, in his Institution of this Ordinance ? And what doth it. Represent to us ?

Son. The End of the Lord Jesus was, doubtless, to confirm our Faith in the stedfast Belief of his Death, Burial and Resurrection ; For it held forth all these three things to our very sight : For first, he that is Baptized, is Baptized as one Dead, I mean Dead to Sin, which answers also unto the Death of Christ.

Secondly, He is Buried in Water, to hold forth the Burial of Christ.

Thirdly, And as the Body is raised up out of the Water, it holds forth also Christ's Resurrection, and that we should walk

walk in newness of Life. Now Sprinkling cannot be a Figure of any of these things, *Rom. 6. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.*

Fa. I would to God, my Son, that this thing were more seriously consider'd by our godly Brethren who differ from us. But will you explain this matter a little further?

Son. Why, Sir, I understand that our Blessed Saviour in Ordaining those two great Ordinances, viz. Baptism and breaking of Bread, did design in a gracious manner to Preach the Gospel to the Sense of Seeing, as in the Ministry of the Word 'tis Preached to the Ear and Sense of Hearing; For as breaking of Bread, and the Cup holds forth to our sight, Christ's Body was broken, and his Blood shed, so Baptism shews, as I have observ'd, He was not only Dead, but also Buried, and did Rise again, that so we might the more clearly and fully be Confirmed into the Mystery of his Death and Resurrection.

Fa. What think you then of Sprinkling or Christning, as 'tis called?

Son. Why, I think, that the Rite of Asperision, or Sprinkling, was invented, as Vossius and others ingenuously confess,
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to accommodate the tender Bodies of Infants in these Northern Parts, when the Practice of baptizing of 'em prevailed.

And since Sprinkling comports not within the Literal or Metaphorical Significations of the Word, nor to those great Mysteries represented by it, it ought in the fear of God to be rectified or laid aside, as being no Ordinance of God, *Levit. 10. 12.*

Fa. Who are the proper Subjects of Baptism?

Son. Only such who believe, and are actually capable to enter into a Visible Covenant with Jesus Christ, for it is an Ordinance of the Solemnization of the Souls Marriage with Christ, *Gal. 3. 27.*

Fa. What is required of Persons that are to be Baptized?

Son. Repentance, whereby they forsake Sin; and Faith, whereby they steadfastly believe the Promise of God made to them in that Ordinance, *Acts 2. 36, 37, Acts 8. 36.*

Fa. May not Infants be Baptized?

Son. No verily, because there is no Command of Christ, nor Example in all the Scriptures for any such practice.

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Fa. Why may not the Children of Believers be Baptized under the Gospel, as well as the Children of the Faithful were Circumcised under the Law ?

Son. God expressly commanded *Abraham* to circumcise his Male Children under that Dispensation, but he hath not commanded Believers to Baptize their Children under the Gospel ; and to do that in God's Worship which God hath not commanded, is dangerous, as appears in *Nadab and Abihu's* Case, *Levit. 10. 1, 2.*

Fa. But did not the Covenant belong to Abraham, and to his Seed ?

Son. Yea, it did : And all that believe are Christ's ; the same are the true Seed of *Abraham*, and Heirs according to the Promise, *Gal. 2. 37.* or in that Covenant with *Abraham*, and none else ; for Birth or fleshly Privileges avail not in Gospel-times ; Think not to say among your selves, *We have Abraham to our Father, Mat. 3. 9.*

Fa. But were not whole Households Baptized ?

Son.

Son. It doth not therfore follow any Infants were Baptized, unless our Brethren could prove there was no whole Households, but such in whom was some Children in Non-age; besides it is said, That *St. Paul* Preached the Gospel to the *Faylor*, and to all that were in his House: and that he Believed in God with all his House, and rejoyced with all his House: As well as it is said, *He was Baptized with all his House*, Acts 16.32,33.

Fa. But, *Son*, what do you think should be the reason, since Believers Baptism lies so plain in the Word of God (and that none else were in the Primitive Times Baptized) that so many Learned and Holy men should not see it ?

Son. Sir, I have often wondred at it I must confess, and I have been a thinking it may be from God, as a Just Rebuke upon some of them, because they have too far Magnified Humane Learning (so very good in its place) above what they ought; and have too much slighted some that have not such Human Literature; for God would have no Flesh Glory in his Presence, but that he that Glorieth, may glory in the Lord, 1 Cor. 2. 29, 30.

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Fa. What other Reason have you thought of ?

Son. It may be also as a Rebuke upon those good Christians, who have been too ready to build their Faith upon Worthy Men, upon the account of their Learning ; for God would not have the Faith of his People *stand in the Wisdom of Men, but in the Power of God,* 1 Cor. 2. 5. Besides the Doctrin of Self-denial is hard to learn.

Fa. How do you prove that the Baptism of Water is Christ's Ordinance? 'Tis not said, Mat. 28. 19, 20. Teach all Nations, Baptizing them in Water, &c.

Son. But though Water is not there expressed, it is implied, because the Apostles could not Baptize with the Holy Ghost, for that is the prerogative of Christ alone ; besides, that which the Lord Jesus commanded them to Baptize with, was that which they did Baptize with, but palpable it is, that that which the Apostles Baptized with was Water. *Can any Man forbid Water that these should not be baptiz'd? &c. Acts 10. 47*

Fa. Doth not Paul say, Christ sent him not to Baptize, but to Preach the Gospel?

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Son. *Paul* doth not mean, *Christ* did not at all require him to Baptize, or that it was not in his Commission, but rather that he was not in the first place only or chiefly sent to do that; for if he had no command at all to Baptize, he did evil in Baptizing *Crispus* and *Gaius*, with divers others. Read the Scriptures which after the same manner are understood, *John* 6. 17. *1 Tim.* 2. 14. *Eph.* 6 12. Moreover, 'tis evident, *Christ* required *St. Paul* to Baptize, because he and other Apostles did Baptize in *Christ's* Name, and commanded others so to be, that is by his Command and Authority, *Acts* 10. 47. *1 Cor* 1. 13, 14.

Fa. Ought those who are Baptized with the holy Spirit, to be baptized with water?

Son. Yea, they ought, for the highest attainment can't free Persons from submitting to this Ordinance, our Blessed Saviour had the Spirit without measure and Baptized as an Example that we shall follow his Steps; also *Cornelius*, and those with him, who were baptized with the Holy Ghost, were commanded by *St. Peter* to be Baptized in Water, *Acts* 10. 44.

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Fa. *What Ordinance follows Baptism?*

Son. Laying on of Hands, *Acts* 8. 17.
& 19. *Heb.* 6. 1, 2.

Fa. *What is the Church of God?*

Son. The Church of God is a company of Believers, or Godly Christians Incorporated together into an holy Fellowship and Communion in Love and Heavenly Concord, according to the Apostolical Constitution, among whom the Word of God is truly Preached, and the holy Ordinances of Christ are duly and rightly administred, *Acts* 2. 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, &c.

Fa. *Is not the Church of God now in Gospel-times national, as it was under the Law?*

Son. No, the Dispensation is chang'd, the fleshly Seed is cast out by him that hath the Key of *David*, that openeth, and no Man shutteth; that shutteth, and no man openeth. God's People are a separated People, and are commanded so to be, and not to be conformable to this World in their Constitutions, Ordinances and Worship, 2 *Cor.* 6. 71. *Rom.* 12. 2. *Mat.* 3. 9. *Rev.* 18. 4. *Gal.* 4. 2, 3.

Fa. *Who ought to be received into God's Church?*

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Son.

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Son Only true penitent and believing Persons, *Acts* 2. 42, 45. *1 Pet.* 2. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Fa. Ought all Persons to be Baptized before they are received into the Church of God?

Son. Yea, all whoever they be, ought to be Baptized before they are received into the Church of God. Baptism is acknowledged by all Christians, generally to be an initiating Ordinance, *Acts* 2. 40, 41, 42, 43, *Gal.* 3. 27.

Fa. What is the Lord's Supper?

Son. The Lord's Supper is an Holy Ordinance of Christ, Instituted the very Night in which he was betrayed, *1 Cor.* 11. 23.

Fa. What External Matter doth the Lord's Supper consist of?

Son. It consisteth only of Bread and Wine, *Mat.* 26. 27. *Luke.* 22. 19, 20. *1 Cor.* 11. 23, 24.

Fa. What doth the Bread and Wine signifie?

Son. The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ?

Fa. Is the Bread and Wine in the Lord's Supper, after they are Blessed the real Body and Blood of Christ?

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Son. No, they are but Signs and Figures of his Body.

Fa. But, doth *Christ* say, This is my Body ;

Son. 'Tis a figurative Speech ; he says also in another place, *I am a Vine, a Door, a Way, &c.* He is called, a *Rock*, 'tis said, that *Rock* is *Christ*, 1 *Cor.* 10. 4. Which Scriptures are all to be taken figuratively ; *This is my Body*, 'tis as if he should say, this is a *Sign* or *Figure* of my *Body*, for 'tis called *Bread* before it was blessed, and also after it was blessed ; and 'tis called *Bread*, which the Disciples did eat, 1 *Cor.* 11. 26. *the Bread which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ ?* &c. 1 *Cor.* 10. 16. Besides, 'tis against Reason and our very Senses, to believe it to be any other thing.

Fa. What doth the Breaking of the Bread, then signifie ?

Son. The Breaking of *Christ's* Body for our Sins.

Fa. What doth the giving of the Bread then signifie ?

Son. God's giving of *Christ* for us, and also to us, to be the Bread and Food of our Souls.

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Fa. What doth the taking of the Bread hold forth ?

Son. Our taking or accepting of Christ for Justification and Eternal Life.

Fa. What doth the eating of the Bread signifie ?

Son. It holds forth that we spiritually feed, and live by Faith on Jesus Christ.

Fa. What further Use is the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper to us ?

Son. It strengthens our Faith in Christ, and encreases our Love to him, and gloriously refreshes our Souls, by Communion with him in all the Graces and Comforts of the Holy Spirit.

Fa. What other Use is it of to us ?

Son. It shews that blessed Nearness or sweet Union, which is and ought to be among God's People ; for as many Corns of Wheat ground in a Mill tend to make a Loaf of Bread, *so we being many, are one Bread and one Body, of whom Christ is the Head, 1 Cor. 10. 17.*

Fa. What doth the pouring forth of the Wine signifie ?

Son. The pouring forth of the Wine signifies the pouring forth of the Blood of Christ.

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Fa. *What doth the taking and drinking of the Cup hold forth ?*

Son. It signifies our applying the Virtue of Christ's Blood to our Souls ; as that which did Atone, and make Reconciliation for our Sins.

Fa. *What else doth this Ordinance of the Lord's Supper hold forth ?*

Son. It holds forth, not only the inconceivable Love of Christ, in giving his Body to be broken, and his Blood to be shed for us, but also the horrible Nature or exceeding Sinfulness of Sin, in that nothing could Atone, or make Reconciliation with God for it but the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

Fa. *Who ought to receive the Lords Supper*

Son. Only Godly Men & Women, or such who are truly Converted, and are approved Members of Christ's Church.

Fa. *What is required of them that come to the Lord's Table ?*

Son. They ought to examine themselves, it calls for due Preparation viz. a sincere confession of Sins, and godly Sorrow for the same : They ought to come with clean Hands, & a pure Heart, also forgiving all that have offended them

them ; they must not eat with the Bread of Malice and Wickedness : Faith also is required in the Death and Blood-shedding of Christ : And lastly, a Sin-loathing, and Self-abhorring of themselves.

Fa. *May not Swearers and Whoremongers, and such like, partake thereof ?*

Son. No, by no means ? for such are Unworthy Receivers, and if they Eat, *They eat and drink their own Damnation,* 1 Cor. 11. 29.

Fa. *But may not Believers partake with such Unconverted Persons ?*

Son. No, for 'tis directly against the express Word of God ; *With such do not Eat,* 1 Cor. 5. 11.

Fa. *What believest thou concerning the Resurrection of the Dead ?*

Son. I believe that the Bodies of all Men and Women, shall rise from the Dead at the last Day, *Dan. 12. 2. 1 Cor. 15. 21, 22. Rev. 20. 15.*

Fa. *Shall the same Body be raised ?*

Son. Yea, for if it were not the same Body, it could not be called a Resurrection, but rather a new Creation ; and if it were not the same Body, then it would not be that Body of the Wicked that sinned

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ned, nor that Body of the Godly that suffer'd; and consequently God would punish an Innocent Body, *Job* 19. 25. *John* 11. 24. *John* 5. 28.

Fa. It is said, our Bodies shall be changed

Son. It will be a Change of the Qualities of our Bodies, but not of the Substance.

Fa. What believe you concerning the Souls of Men when they depart this Life?

Son. The Souls of the Godly at Death go immediately to Christ, and the Soul of the Wicked into Chains of Darkness, *Luk.* 23. 42, 43. *Luke* 16. 22, 23, 24. *Phil.* 23.

Fa. What believe you concerning the day of Judgment?

Son. I believe that after the Resurrection at the last Day, all Men, both Saints and Sinners, the Just and Unjust, shall appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, to receive the things done in their Bodies, *Eccles.* 12. 14. *2 Cor.* 5. 10. *Rev.* 20. 11, 12.

Fa. What will be the state of all Men after the last and dreadful Day of Judgment is over?

Son. The Wicked shall both Body and Soul be cast into Hell-fire, and the Godly shall be received into that Glorious King-

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Kingdom prepar'd for 'em from the foundation of the World; the one shall be Eternally miserable, and the other be Blessed in the perfect enjoyment of God, for Ever and Ever. Amen. Rev. 20. 14, 15. Mat. 25. 33, 46.

Concerning Prayer.

Quest. What is Prayer ?

Ans. Prayer is the pouring forth of the desires of the Soul to Almighty God, or an humble asking of God such things as we need, 1 Sam. 1. 15.

Quest. What Rule hath God given to direct his People in Prayer ?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in Prayer, but the special Rule is that Form of Prayer Jesus Christ taught his Disciples, Mat. 9. 6.

Quest. May not all Persons (Sinners as well as Saints) use those words, or pray so as Christ taught his Disciples ?

Ans. No verily, Ungodly and Sinners ought not so to Pray.

Quest. Why so ?

Ans. Because they cannot go to God as to a Father, they may pray to him as to a merciful Creator, but not as to a Father,

ther, because they are not his Children; also, they cannot Pray, *Forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive them that trespass against us*, because many of them do not forgive such who trespass against them.

Quest. Must Children Pray to God?

Ans. Yea, they and all others by all means ought to Pray, for Prayer is a Breach of Natural Religion.

Qu. Ought Parents to Teach their Children a Form of Prayer?

Ans. Parents ought to give Direction to their Children how they should Pray, and what they should Pray for; and exhort them to Pray; but we do not read in the Scripture, that any of God's Servants taught their Children a form of Prayer.

Qu. What kind of Directions are necessary for Parents to give their Children upon this account?

Ans. They ought to command them to Cry to the holy and merciful God, in a Humble and Reverent manner, to shew them their lost and undone Condition without Christ, and to give them Wisdom in them, lost by the Fall of *Adam*, and to bestow these and all other good things upon them for Christ's sake.

Quest. How should God's Children Pray, according to those Directions given in the Lord's Prayer?

Ans.

Ans. From the Preface, *Our Father which art in Heaven*; we learn to draw near to God with holy Reverence, as Children to a Father able and ready to help us; and that we ought to pray for all God's Children likewise; 'tis not said, *O Father*, nor *My Father*, but *Our Father*; we must bear all the Saints upon our Hearts when we Pray, *Psal.* 64. 1.

Quest. What are we taught to Pray for in the first Petition?

Ans. In these Words, *Hallowed be thy Name*, we are taught to glorifie God in all his Attributes, or howsoever else he is made known to us, and that every thing may tend to his own Glory, and to seek his Glory before our own Good.

Quest. What do we desire in the Second Petition?

Ans. In the second Petition, *Thy Kingdom come*, we are taught to Pray that God would destroy the Kingdom of Satan, that so the Kingdom of Grace may come with Power upon our Hearts; and that the Kingdom of Glory, or God's visible Kingdom, may be hastned and set up with Power in the World, *Psal.* 68. 1. *Psal.* 51. 18. *Dan.* 7. 27.

Quest. What are we directed to Pray for in the third Petition?

Ans. In the third Petition, *Thy Will be done*

done, we are taught to pray that God by his Grace would help us to do (and submit to) his Will in all things, as the Angels do it in Heaven.

Quest. What is it we desire or are taught to pray for in the fourth Petition?

Ans. In the fourth Petition, *Give us this day our daily Bread*, we are taught to pray that God would give us all things which are needful for us in this Life; by which we acknowledge God to be the Fountain of all earthly Mercies or Good Things, as well as of spiritual, *Psa. 145. 16. Prov. 30. 8. Psal. 90. 17. Acts 17. 27.*

Quest. What do we pray for in the fifth Petition?

Ans. In the fifth Petition, *And forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive them that Trespase against us*, we are taught to ask Forgiveness or Pardon of God, viz. that he should thro' the Attonement Christ hath made by his Blood, forgive us all our Sins, and impute Christ's Righteousness to us by Faith: *Rom. 3. 23.* And not only to beg Pardon, but also the sense or sight of Pardon and Forgiveness.

Quest. What do we ask of God in the sixth Petition?

Ans. In the sixth Petition we are taught to beg of God that he would not suffer us to fall into such a State or Company, that

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may lead us into Temptation to Sin against God

Quest. What doth the Conclusion of this Prayer teach us ?

Ans. The Conclusion of this Prayer, which runs thus, For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory for ever, Amen, doth teach to ascribe all Praise and Glory to God, whose Power, Kingdom and Glory is over all for ever and ever, 1 Cor. 1. 20. 1 Chron. 29. 11. 2 Tim. 2. 13.

Qu. How oughtest thou to Pray then, dost thou learn from hence and other Scriptures in general ?

Ans. I learn that we ought to Pray in the Spirit, that my Spirit must Pray; and that too by the help of the Holy Spirit of God; and that I ought to Pray with Understanding : And moreover, we must Pray in Truth, viz. Speak no more with our Tongues, than doth agree with our Hearts; and that we ought to lift up holy Hands, pray with a Heart set against, hating and loathing all manner of Sin and Evil, and to Pray fervently, in Faith, constantly; and to Pray according to the Will of God and to put up all Prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ : And lastly, That we ought in the first place to seek the Honour of God before our own good, and to seek the good of our Souls before the good of our Bodies ;

Bodies; and that we should in Prayer design and seek the good of others, as well our own Good.

Quest. How is Jesus Christ Our Mediator made known or manifested to us?

Ans. Negatively, our Mediator is not made known by the Works of Creation, nor by the light which is in all Men; by the visible things that are made, we may know there is a Creator, yet thereby we can't know there is a Redeemer or Mediator, who was Born of the Virgin, Crucified, Dead, and Buried, and Raised again, and ascended into Heaven; therefore in the Affirmative, Christ (as our Redeemer) is only made known by the Divine Revelation of the Holy Scripture.

Fa. Since (I perceive my Son) thou art so well instructed in the Principles of the *Christian Religion*, pray give me a short Confession of your Faith.

Son. I believe with my Heart, and confess with my Mouth, That God is one Almighty, Eternal, Infinite and Admirable Essence, and is unspeakably Glorious in all his Attributes; who by his mighty Power and Wisdom made Heaven and Earth, and all things therein.

I also believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the only begotten Son of God, being the brightness of His Glory, and the

express Image of his Person ; and as he is verily God of the Substance of the Father, so he is truly Man ; he took on him the Seed of *Abraham*, being Conceived by the Holy Ghost ; he was Born of the Virgin *Mary*, and was condemned by *Pontius Pilate*, and that he suffered Death to Redeem me and all those who truly believe in him, and that there is no Remission of Sin but by his Blood ; I also believe he arose again the Third Day, and Ascended into Heaven above, and sitteth now at the right hand of God to make Intercession for us ; and that from thence he shall come again at the end of the World, to be the Judge of quick and dead.

I also beleive in God the Holy Ghost, who is one with the Father and the Son, proceeding from them, who is my Sanctifier, and the Sanctifier of all the Elect People of God.

I believe likewise that God hath one Holy and Blessed Church on Earth (who are a Subject People separated from the evil Customs and Worships of the World) and I believe the Resurrection of the Dead, and Eternal Judgment, with the Life everlasting. *Amen.*



ADVICE TO YOUTH.

WHEN in the Morning you do rise,
 Lift up to God your Hands and Eyes,
 And praise his Name, who did all Night
 Keep thee unto the Morning light,
 And then betimes see thou do pray
 That God would keep thee all the Day
 From those great dangers which befall
 Oft-times on Young, or great and small;
 And pray to God his Grace to give,
 In his blest Fear all day to live,
 And not to sin, and him offend,
 Who doth to thee all Blessing send.
 And when down Stairs, Son, thou dost go,
 Salute thy Parents, Brother too,
 And thy dear Sisters, let them see
 How to behave themselves by thee.
 Then wash thy Hands, and thy Head comb,
 Keep clean thy Cloaths abroad and home;
 A Chapter read, in the next place,
 With a sweet Voice and Heavenly Grace,
 And when to Prayer thy Parents go,
 Down on thy knees, joyn with them too
 In those good Prayers that they do make,
 And by them good Example take.
 When at th' Table thy Parents sit,
 What they command, see thou do it,
 Whether to sit, or otherwise
 To wait on them until they rise.

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Let not thy Tongue at Table walk,
 A Youth's unwise to chat and talk.
 Stare in the Face of none be sure,
 Good Parents cannot that endure.
 Would'st thou be virtuous whil'st young?
 Then learn to bridle well thy Tongue.



Here follows some necessary Instructions for Youth, to fit them for following those Lawful Callings which GOD may place them in.

Of TIME.

IN One Hour is Sixty Minutes ; in
 One Natural Day, is Twenty Four
 Hours : An Artificial Day, is Twelve
 Hours ; and One Week Seven Days.

<i>Heathenishly called,</i>		<i>In Scripture called,</i>
Sunday	7	First Day
Monday		Second Day
Tuesday		Third Day
Wednesday	>	Fourth Day
Thursday		Fifth Day
Friday		Sixth Day
Saturday	J	Seventh Day

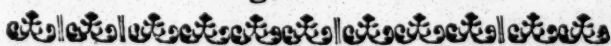
Four Weeks is One Month, Twelve
Months is One Year.

Thirty

*Thirty Days hath September,
April, June and November,
All the rest have Thirty and One,
But February, which stands alone.*

[That is, it has but Twenty Eight Days, Except Leap-Year, and then it has Twenty Nine.]

Redeem thy Time (dear Youth) with Care
For Preciousness what may compare
With thy sweet Time ? O then it prize !
Time hastes away and swiftly flies.
On it E T E R N I T Y depends,
Then waste not Time, like foolish Boys;
In Games and Sports, and silly Toys :
To thy great hurt, don't Time abuse,
Most wickedly thy Time to use,
Time that is past none can recall ;
Time to come's uncertain all :
Thy present Time redeem therefore ;
For Time e're long, will be no more.



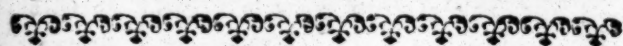
Of COIN.

Four Farthings is one Penny, Twelve Pence is one Shilling, Five Shillings is a Crown, Six Shillings and Eight Pence is a Noble, Ten Shillings is an Angel, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence

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Pence is a Mark ; Twenty Shillings is a Pound.

A Guinea goes commonly for One Pound, One Shilling, and Six Pence.



Of Foreign COINS, and their Value with Us.

Gold COINS.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
French Pistol —————	00	17	00
French Lewis —————	00	14	00
Holland Rider —————	01	04	09
Hungarian Ducket —————	00	09	08
Spanish Pistol —————	00	17	04
Double Sovereign } of Flanders	01	08	07
Italian Pistol —————	00	16	07
Gilder of Nuremburg —————	00	07	01
Cuckeen of Venice —————	00	09	07
A Danish Coin with a } Crown on one side. }	03	15	07

Silver COINS.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>q.</i>
Holland Dollar —————	04	04	00
Lyon Dollar —————	03	04	02
Duckatoon Fland. —————	03	04	00
Rix Dollar of the } Empire. }	04	03	03

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	l.	s.	q.
Mexico Ryal	04	04	01
Sevil Ryal	04	04	03
Old Cardecue	01	06	02
French, Lewis	04	04	01
A Mark of Venice	02	06	00
Single Milrez	01	09	00
Cross Dollar	04	02	02
Double Milrez of Portugal }	03	06	03
Double Dutch Stiver	00	01	03
Zealand Dollar	02	07	00
Old Philip Dollar	04	00	00
Prince of Orange Dollar,	04	00	00
Danish Dollar	02	11	01
Portugal Teston	01	02	03

The Pence Table to be learned by Heart.

d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
20	is	01	08	01 is 12
30	02	06	02	24
40	03	04	03	36
50	04	02	04	48
60	05	00	05	60
70	05	10	06	72
80	06	08	07	84
90	07	06	08	96
100	08	04	09	108
110	09	02	10	120
120	10	00	11	132

For

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>q.</i>
For a Farthing ———	00	00	00	01
For a Half-penny ———	00	00	00	02
For Three Farthings ———	00	00	00	03
For a Penny ———	00	00	01	00

Note, That *l.* stands over *Pounds*,
s. over *Shillings*, *d.* over *Pence*, *q.* over
Farthings.



Figures and Numeral Letters.

1, I, One	19, XIX, Nineteen
2, II, Two	20, XX, Twenty
3, III, Three	30, XXX, Thirty
4, IV, Four	40, XL, Forty
5, V, Five	50, L, Fifty
6, VI, Six	60, LX, Sixty
7, VII, Seven	70, LXX, Seventy
8, VIII, Eight	80, LXXX, Eighty
9, IX, Nine	90, XC, Ninety
10, X, Ten	100, C, a Hundred
11, XI, Eleven	200, CC, two Hun-
12, XII, Twelve	dred
13, XIII, Thirteen.	500, D, five Hundred
14, XIV, Fourteen.	600, DC, six Hundred
15, XV, Fifteen.	1000, M, a Thousand
16, XVI, Sixteen.	1500, MD, one Thou-
17, XVII, Seventeen.	sand five Hun-
18, XVIII, Eighteen.	dred.

Of



OF NUMERATION.

Numeration teaches how to set down any Number spoken of, or proposed ; to read it truly when written.

To which purpose you are to take notice, That we commonly express all Numbers by these *Nine Figures*.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
one,	two,	three,	four,	five,	six,	seven,	eight,	nine.

And, 0, which is called *Cypher*, and by some Nought, because of it self it stands for Nothing, yet encreases the value of other Figures that stand behind it, in the same manner.

For every Figure augments its proper Value, according to the place it happens to be in, except the first.

Any of the Nine Figures in the first place signifies only its own single *Value*. In the Second place, so many times *Ten* ; in the third place, so many *Hundreds*; in the fourth place, so many *Thousands* ; in the fifth place, so many *Ten Thousands* ; in the sixth place, so many *Hundred Thousands*, and in the seventh place, so many *Millions*.

As for Example : In this Number 1234567, the 7 is barely seven Unites of ones; but the 6 in the second place, is six times ten, that is sixty; the 5 in the third place, is an hundred times five, that is five hundred; the 4 a thousand times four, or four thousand; the 3, three times ten thousand, that is thirty thousand; the 2 in the sixth place, is two hundred thousand, and the 1 in the seventh place, is one ten hundred thousand, or a Thousand thousand, which is a Million.

All which being put together in your Understanding, you must read the afore-said Sum [1234567] thus, *One Million, two hundred thirty four Thousand, five hundred sixty seven.* But this Number, 7654321, (which consists of the same Figures, but contraywise placed) must be read, *Seven Millions, six hundred fifty four Thousand, three hundred twenty one*; so 9010400, is *Nine Millions, ten Thousand, four hundred.*

TO pass over *Addition* and *Subtraction*, for want of room, it may not be amiss if I give you a Table for *Multiplication.* *The*

The Multiplication-Table.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left. \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 2 times } \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 04 \\ 06 \\ 08 \\ 10 \\ 12 \\ 14 \\ 16 \\ 18 \end{array} \right. \text{ is } \left. \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 3 times } \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 09 \\ 12 \\ 15 \\ 18 \\ 21 \\ 24 \\ 27 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left. \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 4 times } \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 20 \\ 24 \\ 28 \\ 32 \\ 36 \end{array} \right. \text{ is } \left. \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 5 times } \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 25 \\ 30 \\ 35 \\ 40 \\ 45 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left. \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 6 times } \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 36 \\ 42 \\ 48 \\ 54 \end{array} \right. \text{ is } \left. \begin{array}{c} 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 7 times } \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 49 \\ 56 \\ 63 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left. \begin{array}{c} 8 \\ 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 8 times } \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 64 \\ 72 \end{array} \right. \text{ is } \left. \begin{array}{c} 9 \end{array} \right\} \text{ 9 times } 9 \text{ is } 81
 \end{array}$$

Get this by Heart, it will help you in Multiplication.

M

In

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In casting up an Account of *Pounds, Shillings, Pence* and *Farthings*, Observe this Rule.

<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>q.</i>
4	8	8	0
2	4	4	1
2	0	8	0
0	8	4	2
5	1	5	3
1	0	0	1
15	3	6	3

First, cast up your Farthings, in which row is 7 Farthings; set down three under the row of Farthings, and carry the Penny to the row of Pence, where there is 29 Pence, which is 2 *s.* 5 *d.* and that one Penny you carry, makes it 2 *s.* 6 *d.* set down your 6*d.* under the Row of the Pence, and carry your 2 *s.* to the Row of Shillings, where you have 21 *s.* which makes it, with the 2 *s.* you carry, 23 *s.* set your 3 *s.* under the Row of Shillings, and carry that one Pound to the Row of Pounds, where you have 14 Pounds, which with that one that you carry, makes your whole Sum, 15*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* 3*q.*

A

A Receipt in full

R Eceiv'd this 26th of
 March, 1689, of *Thomas Truelove*, the Sum of
 Forty Two Pounds Ten l. s. d.
 Shillings (in Money and } 42—10—0
 Goods) and is in full of
 all *Debts* whatever from
 the said *Tho. Truelove*. I
 say, Received in full, J

Per me John Taylor.

A BOND

K Now all Men by these Presents,
 That I *William Johnson*, of the Pa-
 rish of *Stutly*, in the County of *Bucks*,
 Weaver, am held and firmly bound un-
 to *Edward Willing* of the Parish afore-
 said, in the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*
 of good and lawful Money of *England*,
 to be paid unto the said *Edward Willing*,
 his certain Attorney, Executors, Admini-
 strators or Assigns ; to which Payment
 well and truly to be made, I bind my
 Self, my Heirs, Executors, and Admini-
 strators firm by these Presents. Sealed
 with my Seal, dated the 26th Day of
March, in the Year 1710 ; in the 9th
 M 2 Year

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Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady
Queen *A N N*, by the Grace of GOD,
Queen of Great Britain, France, and
Ireland, Defender of the Faith.

The Condition of this Obligation is
such, That if the above-bounden
William Johnson, his Heirs, Execu-
tors or Administrators, shall and do
well and truly pay, or cause to be
paid, unto the above-named *Edward*
Willing, his Heirs, Executors, Admi-
nistrators or Assigns, the full Sum of
Fifty pounds, of good and lawful
Money of England, on the Twenty
fourth of *June* next following the
Date hereof, without Fraud or fur-
ther Delay; then this Obligation to be
Void and of none Effect, or else to
be and remain in full Force & Vertue.

*Sealed and Delievered in
the Presence of Us.*

*This great adored Idol, Money, sends
Fair Wives, great Portions, Reputation, Friends.
This makes us Noble, tho' our Birth be base,
And gives foul Persons comeliness and grace.
But woe to him that this Idol doth adore ;
For God doth all such Worshipers abhor :
For God and Mammon can't rule in one Heart ;
Submit to one, the other will depart.*

Com-



*Common Stops in writing and Reading
to be observed.*

TRue Pointing is very necessary in Writing to prevent Confusion, to help the Reader, and for the more ease and distinct Apprehension of the Sense.

The usual Points or Stops, *viz.*

A Comma [,]	Interrogation [?]
Semicolon [;]	Admiration [!]
Colon [:]	A Parenthesis ()
Period [.]	Hyphen [-]
Apostrophe [']	Section [§]

A *Comma*, is a Note of short stay or stop in Reading. [,]

A *Colon* is a Note of perfect Sense, but not of a perfect Sentence; because there is more of it behind. [:]

Example.

Psal. 22. 28. For the Kingdom is the Lord's : And he is Governour among the Nations :

This requires a longer Stop or Pause than a Comma.

A Semicolon differs not much from a Colon, but requires somewhat a shorter Pause. [;]

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Example.

*Psal. 3. 5. I laid me down and slept;
I awaked, for the Lord sustained me.*

A Period is a full Stop [.] and is placed at the Close of a Sentence.

Example.

Rejoyce evermore. Pray without ceasing.

Here the Stop or Pause must be longer, that the Reader may recover his Breath, and the Heart have time to reflect a little on what is deliver'd, before they proceed to new matter.

An Interrogation Point [?] is placed after the asking a Question.

Example

Why do the Heathen rage? And the People imagine a vain thing?

In Reading, make near as long a Pause here as a Period.

Parenthesis () is but to enclose any new Clause or Matter that is added before a Man hath fully expressed half his Mind, the Sense being good, if that which is added were left out.

Example.

*For I know in me (that is in my Flesh)
dwelleth no good.*

Ho-

Honour thy Father and thy Mother,
(which is the first Commandment with Promise) that it may bewell with thee.

Admiration Point [!] is made after Words that expels something strange, or to be wondred at.

Example


O the Depth of the Riches, both of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God!

Hear, O Heaven! and give ear, O Earth!
The Stop or Pause here should be near as long as a Period or Interrogation.

An Apostrophe ['] is a Point made (as you see) much like a Comma, and is set over the place when a Vowel is left out that you meet with often in Verse, to shorten the Feet, or to make it run smooth.

Example.

Penn'd, Heav'n's, sinn'd, t'other, &c.

An Index is a note like a Hand  made to Point at somewhat that is remarkable.

Obelisk is a Mark in reference to the Margin, thus †

Section, denotes the beginning of a new head of Discourse made thus [§]

Con-

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Contractions in Writing fit to be observed by Youth and others.

&	}	for	{	and	}	yu	}	for	{	you.
ye				the		Mr.				Master.
yt				that		Mrs.				Mistress.
ym				them		Bp				Bishop,
				Esq;		Esquire.				

St.	}	for	{	Saint.
Sr.				Sir.
Col.				Colone!.
Capt.				Captain.
Sol.				Solution or Answer.
Anf.				Answer.
Qu.				Question.

[*Ec.*] Which is read *et cætera*, two Latin Words, that signifie --- *and the rest*, but 'tis commonly expressed in English by --- *and so forth*.

i. e. *for id est, that is.*

Viz. Which must be read *videlicet*, a Latin Word that signifies, *that is to say*, Per Ann. *for* Per Annum, *by the Year*. Per Cent. *by the Hundred*.

Of Scripture Weight, Measures and Coins.

A Hairs Breadth, the 48th part of an Inch.

A Hands Breadth, three Inches.

A Span, nine Inches.

A Foot, twelve Inches.

A Cubit, a Foot and a half.

A Holy Cubit, a Yard.

The King's Cubit, a Foot and nine Inches

A Reed, six Cubit and a Hands Breadth

A Pace, 5 Foot.

A Furlong, 125 Paces.

A Mile, 100 Paces.

A Sabbath-days Journey, 600 Paces.

Measure of Capacity of dry things.

A Kab, a Quart.

An Omer, three Pints and a half.

A Measure or Seah, a Gallon.

An Ephah, half a Bushel and a Pottle.

Half Omer or Lethèc, 7 Bushels & a Quart

An Omer or Cor, 14 Bushels and a Pottle.

Measures of Liquid.

A Log, half a Pint.

A Hin, three Quarts.

A Bath, 9 Gallons and three Quarts.

A Pot or Sextary, a Pint and a half.

A Measure or Chænix, a Quart.

A Firkin, four Gallons and a half.

Weights of Appension or Counterpoise.

A Sheckle in Weight, a quarter of an Ounce.

A

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A Shekel of the Sanctuary half an Ounce,

A Pound, Twelve Ounces.

A Talent, 62 Pounds.

A Mules Burthen, 200 Weight.

Troy Weight.

A Grain, the weight of a grain of Wheat

24 Grains, make one Penny Weight.

20 Penny VWeight, one Ounce.

12 Ounces, one Pound.

Avoirdupois Weight, that is, Have your VWeight, full Weight. The smallest Denomination of this weight is a Dram.

16 Drams, one Ounce.

16 Ounces, one Pound.

28 Pound, one quarter of an Hundred.

4 Quarters, 100 Weight, or 112 Pound.

20 Hundred, one Tun.

By this Weight is Wool sold, of which 14 Pound makes one Stone, two Stone or 28 Pounds, a Tod: Also all Grocery-wares, Butter, Cheese, Flesb, Wax, Lead, Pitch, Tallow, Hemp, Rosin, Iron, Copper, Tin, &c. is sold by this Weight.

English Measures, Liquid.

2 Pints, makes 1 Quart.

2 Quarts, 1 Pottle.

2 Pottles, 1 Gallon.

8 Gallons, 1 Firkin of Ale.

9 Gallons, 1 Firkin of Beer.

2 Firkins, 1 Kilderkin.

2 Kil-

- 2 Kilderkins, 1 Barrel.
- 42 Gallons, 1 Tierce of Wine.
- 63 Gallons, 1 Hogshead.
- 2 Hogsheads, 1 Pipe or But.
- 2 Pipes or Buts, 1 Tun.

English Measures, Dry.

- 2 Pints, 1 Quart.
- 2 Quarts, 1 Pottle.
- 3 Pottles, 1 Gallon.
- 2 Gallons, 1 Peck.
- 4 Pecks, 1 Bushel.
- 8 Bushels, 1 Quarter.
- 4 Quarters, 1 Chaldron.
- 5 Quarters, 1 Wey.

Long Measures.

- 3 Barley-Corns, 1 Inch.
 - 12 Inches, 1 Foot.
 - 3 Foot, 1 Yard.
 - 3 Foot 9 Inches, 1 Ell.
 - 5 Yards, and a half, 1 Pole or Perch.
 - 43 Poles, 1 Furlong.
 - 8 Furlongs, 1 English Mile.
 - 40 square Poles or Perches, 1 Rod or quarter of an Acre.
 - 4 Rods, an Acre.
- A Four-fold Life!*
A Rational Life, The Life of a Man.
An Animal or Sensitive Life, The Life of a Beast.
A Vegetative Life, The Life of a Plant.
A Spiritual Life, The Life of a Saint.



A Short DICTIONARY, Interpreting several Hard WORDS and NAMES.

A

A *Bba*, a Father.
Abbreviate, short.
Abandon, forsake.
Abridge, shorten.
Abjure, renounce.
Abolish, make void.
Absurd, foolish.
Acute, Ingenious.
Adjacent, joining to.
Adopt, to chuse.
Affinity, kin by Marriage
Allusion, pointing to.
Allegory, another meant.
Anathema, Cursed.
Adam, Earthly.
Aaron, a Teacher.
Abel, Just.
Abraham, father of many
Alexander, help of many
Ananias, Grace of Lord
Anthony, Flourishing.
Abigal, Father's Joy.
Alice, Noble.
Agnes, Chaste.
Amy, Beloved. Fr.

B

B *Baptism*, Dipping.
 [Greek]
Babylon, Confusion.

Blasphemy, Evil-speak.
Brevity, Shortness.
Bishop, Overseer.
Basilisk, a Cockatrice.
Benedict, Blessed.
Bigamy, having 2 Wives
Barrabas, Son of Confus.
Barnabas, Son of Consol.
Benjamin, Son of the
 Right hand.

C

C *Celestial*, Heavenly.
Center, the midst.
Catholick, Universal.
Conjunction, Joining.
Consecrate, make Holy.
Calendar, Almanack.
Casual, Accidental.
Christ, Anointed.
Caleb, Hearty.

D

D *Eacon*, One over-
 seeing the poor.
Dehort, Diswade.
Deity, Godhead.
Derivation, taking from
Diabolical, Devilish.
Digression, going from.
De facto, Actually done.

Da

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Daniel, Judgment of God Gospel, Glad Tidings.
Dinah, Judgment: Gradually, by Degrees.
Deborah, a Word, or Bee Gratis, freely for nothing
Dorothy, the Gift of God Generous, a noble Mind.
Dorcas, a Roe-Buck. Gabriel, strength of God

E

Ecclesiastical, spiritual Gamaliel, God's Reward
Eden, place of Pleasure George, an Husbandman.
Edict, Commandment. Gideon, a Destroyer.

Egress, forth-going.

Election, Choice.

Essence, Substance.

Elevate, Lift up.

Eunuch, One Gelded.

Evangelist, a Bringer of

Good News

Edmund, Blessed Peace.

Edward, Happy Keeper.

Elisha, Lamb of God.

Esaiah, Reward of Lord.

Enoch, teach or dedicate

Exra, a Helper.

Eleanor, Pitiful.

Elizabeth, Peace of Lord

F

Fallacy, Deceit.

Fervent, Holy.

Finis, the End.

Fraternity, Brotherhood

Function, Calling.

Future, Time to come.

Flagitious, Hainous.

Filial, belong. to a Son.

Felix, Happy.

Frances, Free.

Ferdinando, pure Peace.

G

Genitor, a Father.

Geographer, a Descri-

ber of the Earth.

H

Hallelujah, Praise ye

the Lord.

Helmet, Head-piece.

Homage, Worship.

Hostility, Enmity.

Habakkuk a Wrestler.

Hannah, Merciful.

Hilkiab, the Portion of

the Lord.

I

Infinite, without numb.

Ignominy, Reproach

Illegitimate, unlawfully

Born.

Interrogation, Quest. askt

Iesus, a Saviour.

Jubilee, Year of Joy.

Junior, Younger.

Israel, a Prince with God

Jabez, Sorrowful.

Jacob, a Supplanter.

Jehoshaphat, the Lord my

Judge.

Jonah, a Dove.

John, Gracious.

James, Maintainer.

Job, Sighing, Sorrowful.

Joseph, Encreasing.

Josiah, Fire of the Lord.

Isaac, Laughter.

Jane, Gracious.

N

L

L

L *Attitude*, Breadth.
Legible, easy to read
Lascivious, Wanton.
Lampoon, Libel in Verse,
Legatee, one to whom a
 Legacy is bequeathed.
Legitimate, Lawful.
Libel, a little Book.
Licentious, Loose, disorderly, Unruly.
Leah, Painful.
Laban, White Skin or Gentle.
Lazarus, Sores, Help.
Leonard, Lyon-like.
Let, Joyned.
Lettice, Joyfulness.
Luke, Rising, lifting up.

M

M *Aranatha*, Accurst
Magnitude, Great.
Major, the Greater.
Minor, the Lesser.
Modern, of our Times.
Morality, of Civil Behav.
Manassa, not forgotten.
Mark, High.
Matthew, God's Gift.
Mary, Exalted.
Martha, Bitter.

N

N *narration*, declaring
Neuter, of neither
 side
Novice, a young Scholar.
Nullity, nothing.
Novel, New.
Naomi, Fair.

Nathanael, Gift of God.
Nehemiah, Lords Comfort.

Noah, Increasing or Rest.
Nathan, Gift or Reward

O

O *Obscure*, Dark.
Oblivion, Pardon.
Obdurate, Harden.
Omniscient, knowing all Things
Omnipotent, Almighty.
Original, Beginning first.
Oracle, Speech from God.
Obliterate, Blot out.
Obscene, Filthy, unchaste.
Obvious, easie to find.
Obstacle, an Hindrance.
Ocean, the main Sea.
Omnipresent, everywhere present.

Obadiah, Servant of the Lord.

Obed, a Servant or Workman.

P

P *Predestination*, Fore-appointed.
Prodigy, a Wonder.
Paradise, place of Pleasure
Paraphrase Exposition.
Prohibition, forbidding.
Procreate, to beget.
Phanatick, a Mad-man.
Perpetuity, Eternal.
Pervert, Subvert, Deceive
Peter, a Stone or Rock.
Philip, a lover of Horses.
Phebe, clear or bright.

R

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R

Radical, belonging to a Root.

Radiment, Instruction.

Repugnant, Contrary.

Rabbi, Master.

Regression, Returning.

Rachel, a Sheep.

Richard, a Rich Lord.

Robert, famous in Counsel.

Roger, strong Counsel.

Reuben, Son of Vision.

Rebecca, Fat and Full.

Ruth, Watered or filled.

Rosamond, Rose of the World.

S

Sabbath, Rest.

Schism, a Breach.

Sanctification, Holiness.

Subscribe, write under.

Substrait, take from.

Superlative, Highest in Degree.

Scrutiny, a Search.

Sedate, Quiet, Appeased

Senior, Elder.

Senses, Hearing, Seeing

Smelling, Tasting,

Feeling.

Sentiment, a feeling Apprehension.

Samuel, Heard of God.

Solomon, Peaceable.

Sarah, Lady or Dame

Susannah, Lilly or Rose.

Stephen, a Crown.

T

Tautology, Repeating the same Thing

Tabernacle, a Pavilion.

Temporary, for a Time.

Terrestrial, Earthly.

Theology, Divinity.

Thomas, a Twin.

Timothy, Honour of God

Titus, Honourable.

Theophilus, Lover of God

V

Vacant, Void.

Verbatim, Word for Word.

Vital, Lively.

Unanimous, of one Mind and Heart.

Vegetable, Plant.

Vegetive, Lively, strong.

Venery, Carnal Lust.

Verbal, belong. to Words.

Vigilant, Watchful.

Vincent, Victorious.

A Short DIALOGUE,
Shewing the Woful STATE of
an Ungodly YOUTH.

THe days which God to me doth send
In Pleasure I resolve to spend
Like as the Birds i'th' lovely Spring
Sit Chirping on the Boughs, and Sing,
Who straining forth the warbling Notes,
Do make sweet Musick in their Throats,
So I resolve in this my Prime
In Sport and Play to spend my Time;
Sorrow and Grief I'll put away,
Such things agree not with my Day:
From Clouds my Morning shall be free,
And nought on Earth shall trouble me.
I will embrace each sweet Delight
The Earth affords me Day and Night,
Tho' Parents Grieve and me Correct;
Yet I their Counsel will Reject;
I matter not, so I can have
My lovely Sports and Pleasures brave.

DEVIL.

The Resolution which you take,
Sweet Youth, doth me full merry make;
Thou shalt become my lovely Boy,
And I will fill thy Heart with Joy,
If thou my Counsel wilt Embrace,
And shun the way of Truth and Grace:

And

And learn to lye, to curse and swear,
And be as Proud as any are ;
And with thy Brothers will fall out ;
And Sisters with foul Language flout :
Yea, fight and scratch, and also bite :
Then in thee I will take delight.
If thou wilt now be rul'd by me,
An Artist thou shalt quickly be
In all my Ways, which lovely are,
There's few with thee who shall compare.
Thy Parents always disobey ;
Don't mind at all what they do say.
Tho' they should whip thee very sore,
Be worser for it evermore.
And rather hate them in thy Heart,
For all the Counsel they impart :
And also pout and sullen be,
And thou shalt be a Child for me.
When others Read, be thou at Play ;
Think not on God, don't Sigh nor Pray ;
Nor be thou such a silly Fool
To mind thy Book, or go to School :
But play the Truant, fear not, I
Will help thee straitway to a Lie
Which shall excuse thee for the same,
From Whipping, yea, and from all blame.
And as thou dost encrease in days,
Grow thou in Love with my sweet ways :
And what Earth yields or can afford,
I'll give to thee upon my word.

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Come bow to me, uphold my Crown ;
And I'll raise thee to high renown.

YOUTH.

These Motions I will cleave unto,
And let all other Counsel go :
My Heart against my Parents now
Shall hardned be, I will not bow,
No, nor submit at all to them,
But all good Counsel will contemn ;
And what I list, that do will I,
And stubborn be continually.

CHRIST.

Wilt thou, O Youth! make such a choice
And thus obey the Devil's Voice ?
Vile sinful ways wilt thou Embrace,
And not regard Tender of Grace ?
Wilt thou to me a Rebel prove,
And from thy Parents quite remove
Thy Heart also ? Then thou shalt see,
What will e'er long become of thee.
Come think of God, who did thee make,
And at his Presence dread and quake ;
Remember him now in thy Youth ;
And let thy Soul take hold of Truth ;
The Devil and his ways despise,
Believe him not, he doth but Lie ;
His ways seem sweet, but Youth beware,
He for thy Soul has laid a Snare,
His Sweet will into Sowre turn ;
If in his ways thou still wilt run ;
Lift up thine Eyes and stedfast look,
Under his Bait is a sharp Hook ; With

With speed from him thy self recover,
Or else he will thy Soul devour ;
And will thee into pieces tear,
Like Lions which most hungry are.
Grant me thy Heart, thy Folly leave,
And from this Lyon I'll thee save ;
And thou shalt have sweet Joy with me,
Which last will to ETERNITY.

YOUTH

My Heart shall cheer me in my Youth,
I'll have my Mind too in good truth ;
Whate'er seems lovely in mine Eye,
My self of it I can't deny ;
In my own ways I still must walk,
And take Delight amongst young Folk ;
Who spend their Days in Joy and Mirth,
There's nought like it, I'm sure, on Earth.
Thy Ways, O Christ ! are not for me,
They with my Age do not agree :
If I unto thy Ways should cleave,
No more good Days then shall I have.

CHRIST.

Wouldst thou Live long, and good
Refrain from all Iniquity. [Days see ?
True good alone from me doth flow,
It can't be had in things below ;
Are not my Ways, O Youth ! for thee ?
Then thou shalt never Happy be :
Nor ever shall thy Soul obtain
True good, whilst thou dost here remain.

YOUTH.

T O U T H.

To thee, O Christ ! I'll not adhere,
What thou speak'st of doth not appear
Lovely to me ; I cannot find.

'Tis good to set or place my Mind
on Ways from whence such sorrows spring.
And to the Flesh such Crosses bring :
Don't trouble me, I must fulfil
My fleshly Mind, and have my will.

C H R I S T.

Unto thy self then I'll thee leave,
That Satan wholly may thee have ;
Thy Heart in Sin shall hardned be,
And blinded in Iniquity :
And then in Wrath I'll cut thee down,
Like as the Grass and Flower's mown,
And to thy Woe thou shalt espy,
Childhood and Youth is Vanity ;
For all these things I'll make thee know,
To Judgment thou shalt come also,
In Hell at last thy Soul must burn,
When thou thy Sinful Race hast run ;
Consider this, think on thy End,
Lest God doth thee to pieces rend.

T O U T H.

Amazed great I now begin ;
Ah ! must I leave these Ways of Sin,
Which unto me so sweet have been ?
I Tremble, and do greatly fear,
To think upon what I do hear ;
Must I Religious be so soon,
And my Sun set before 'tis Noon? *DE-*

D E V I L.

No foolish Youth, don't change thy mind
Unto such Thoughts be not inclin'd :
Religion's an invented thing,
Which from some crafty hand did spring;
To awe Mens minds ; a meer Bugbear,
Such foolish Youth to fright and scare ;
Is Winter come ? The Spring's not past ;
What, canst not bear with one such blast ?
Shall the brave Flower that seems so gay,
In one poor Hour fade quite away ?
'Tis Pity one so Young as thee,
Should thus be brought to Misery :
Then cheer thy Heart, rouse up, be glad ;
There is no Hell, why art so sad ?
Eat, Drink, be Merry with thy Friend,
For when thou Dy'st, that's thy last End.

T O U T H.

Ah! would such thoughts I could receive
God's Word I can't but must believe ;
'Tis he I fear, amaz'd am I
At that dread Word [*ETERNITY*]
And if my Soul immortal be,
At Death what will become of me ?

D E V I L.

Tush, these are silly things to think on,
Shall Clouds thus dark thy *Horizon* ?
I'll scatter them, and soon make clear.
Thy lovely Morning, do not fear ;
Yet to thee in some things I'll yield,
So that I may but gain the Field ;

That

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That there's a Heaven I can't deny,
 Yea, and a Hell of Misery ;
 That Heaven is a lovely Place
 I can't deny, 'tis a clear Case,
 And easie 'tis for to come there ;
 Poor Youth take thou no further Care,
 Where Prayers are read, see thou do go,
 Where thou may'st Sleep as others do :
 At any time thou may'st Repent,
 'Twill serve when all thy Days are spent.
 Thou may'st have *Christ* and the *World* too,
 And saved be with half the do
 Which many make, if thou at last,
 Dost up thine Eyes to Heaven cast,
 Thou shalt be sav'd, do thou not fear,
 But take thy fill of Pleasure here.

CHRIST.

Take heed or else thou art undone,
 These thoughts are from the Evil one :
 Narrow's the Way that leads to Life,
 Heaven is not had without much strife,
 Few shall be sav'd, Youngman know
 Most do into Destruction go ;
 If Righteous Ones scarce saved be,
 What will at last become of thee ?
 O don't reject my gracious Call,
 Lest suddenly to Hell you fall ;
 Unless that you Converted be,
 God's Kingdom you shall never see.

YOUTH.

No Lord, I am at a great stand,
 To turn to right or the left Hand. II

If I to Godliness should cleave,
And my old Company should leave,
With great Reproaches I should meet,
And lose my Pleasures which are sweet ;
My Comforts will me much deride,
And never more will me abide,
Moreover this I also know,
God can at last great Mercy show :
Excuse me then, you do me wrong ;
To mind Christ's Ways I am too Young,
When I am Old, and Pleasures gone,
Then what God says I'll think upon.

CHRIST.

Nay, hold vain Youth, thy time is short,
I have thy Breath, I'll spoil thy sport,
Thou shalt not live till thou art old.
Since thou in Sin art grown so bold :
I in thy Youth *Grim Death* will send,
And all thy sports shall have an end.

YOUTH.

I am too young, alas, to dye,
Let Death some old Gray-head espy,
O spare me ! And I will amend,
And with thy Grace my Soul befriend ;
Or else I am undone, alas !
For I am in a woful Case.

CHRIST.

When I did call thou wouldst not hear,
But did'st to me turn a deaf Ear ;
And now in this Calamity
I will not mind, nor hear thy Cry ;
Thy day is past, be gone from me,
Thou which dost love Iniquity
Above thy Soul and Saviour Dear ;
Who on the Cross great Pain did bear.
My Mercy thou did'st long abuse,
And all good Counsel didst refuse.
Justice will therefore Vengeance take,
And thee a sad Example make.

YOUTH.

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TOU TH.

My Head does ake ; Ah ! Death is come,
The dismal Hour of my dire Doom.
Good Doctor ! What think you, I pray ;
My Feet are cold as any Clay.

DOCTOR.

Call upon God, for you will die ;
A Blessing God doth quite deny
To all the Means which us'd have been :
Seek to get Pardon for your Sin.

TOU TH.

O spare me Lord ! Forbear thy Hand,
Don't cut me off, who trembling stand
Begging for Mercy at thy Door ;
O let me live but one Year more.

CHRIST.

If thou some longer time should'st have,
'Thou would'st again to Folly cleave ;
'Therefore to thee I will not give
One day on Earth longer to live.

DEATH.

Young Man, I'm come to fetch thy Breath,
And bear thee down to th' Shades of Death :
No pity I can on thee show,
'Thou hast thy 'God offended so.
Thy Sands are run, thy Glass is broke,
And with my dread and fatal Stroke
Thy Soul and Body I'll divide ;
Thou must i' th' Grave with Worms abide,
And thy Dear Soul in Hell must lie,
With Devils to Eternity.

Thus end the Days of woful Youth,
Who'll not obey, nor mind the Truth ;
Nor hearken to what Preachers say,
But do their Parents disobey.
They in their Youth go down to Hell,
Under Eternal Wrath to dwell :
Many don't live out half their Days,
For cleaving unto Sinful Ways.

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